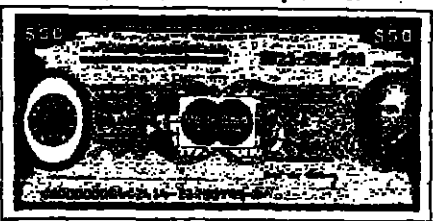


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Irish premier

DUBLIN, July 12, (Reuters): Charles Haughey was elected as Ireland's prime minister for the fourth time today after reluctantly forming a coalition with his arch political foe. Haughey, an abrasive millionaire known as the great survivor in Irish politics, won by 84-79 votes when Parliament returned to select a new leader after an inconclusive general election plunged the country into a month-long political crisis. But he only managed to clamber back into power after agreeing to a coalition with the Progressive Democrats, formed three years ago by Haughey's disidents united in dislike of him.

Mandela urges

JOHANNESBURG, July 12, (Reuters): Jailed black leader Nelson Mandela told the government today the only way to bring peace to South Africa was to negotiate with the banned African National Congress (ANC).

The 70-year-old ANC leader, commenting in a rare statement on his landmark talks with President P.W. Botha last week, said he had wanted to contribute to the creation of a climate that would promote peace.

Solovyov retired

MOSCOW, July 12, (Reuters): Leningrad's regional Communist Party chief, Yuri Solovyov, was retired today at a local party meeting attended by Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev, Soviet television reported.

Solovyov, a junior member of the party's ruling Politburo in Moscow, lost his Leningrad job three and a half months after he and other party leaders in the Soviet Union's second largest city were defeated in elections to the new Parliament.

Honeymoon

ATHENS, July 12, (Reuters): Defeated Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu, 70, plans to marry his mistress, 34-year-old air hostess Dimitra Liani, on Thursday, but a series of political scandals will block any honeymoon plans.

The charismatic, left-wing politician, whose three-year affair caused constant headlines, is a target of criminal investigation into multi-million-dollar scandals that helped cause his crushing electoral defeat last month.

Hussein fine

AMMAN, July 12, (AP): King Hussein of Jordan left a London hospital today after undergoing "a full medical checkup" including a heart examination, an official announcement said. The announcement, carried by state-run Jordan Television reported the king's private doctor, Samir Faraj, as saying: "King Hussein left the hospital this morning... and he is doing fine."

Victim released

FASANO, Italy, July 12, (AP): A wealthy landowner kidnapped more than six months ago by abductors who later cut off his ear was set free today on a highway in southern Italy, police reported.

The Italian News Agency ANSA said Mario Perrini's family reportedly paid a 2-billion-lire (\$1.3 million) ransom after the kidnappers sent his ear to a Rome newspaper last week.

Shot fired

ISTANBUL, July 12, (Reuters): Shots were fired near Bulgaria's refugee-clogged Captain Andreu border crossing to Turkey today and the border was closed for half an hour, Turkish officials said.

Anadolu News Agency quoted ethnic Turkish witnesses who crossed later as saying an ethnic Turk who tried to dash across the frontier was shot and apparently killed by Bulgarian soldiers.

Turban headache

OSLO, Norway, July 12, (AP): Norwegian defence officials have added turbans to the military dress code following a yearlong battle by a Sikh immigrant to keep his traditional dress during his conscript service.

Harvinder Singh, 25, yesterday became the first Norwegian soldier ever allowed to wear a turban on duty, the newspaper Verdens Gang (VG) reported today.

Press raided

SEOUL, South Korea, July 12, (AP): South Korean intelligence agents raided a dissident newspaper today, seizing photographs and notebooks as evidence of an opposition lawmaker's illegal trip to North Korea.

Arab Times wishes HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and all our readers a Happy Eid Al Adha



Sacrificial sheep

An Egyptian farmer tugs a reluctant sheep by its leg through the streets of Cairo today on his way to a market. Thousands of sheep will be slaughtered tomorrow to mark Eid Al Adha, the Muslim feast of sacrifice. (Reuters wirephoto)

Weapons found in campuses

Colombo closes universities

COLOMBO, July 12, (Reuters): Security forces searched university campuses in Sri Lanka today and found a large quantity of explosives, weapons, subversive literature and posters, the government said.

Troops conducted the search after the government ordered five universities in Colombo and the provinces to be closed.

"The security forces at a preliminary search have already found large quantities of explosives, weaponry, subversive literature and posters intimidating the public," the government said in a statement.

The universities have been closed on an on-and-off for the past three years because of student unrest blamed on the left-wing People's Liberation Front.

The front, mainly youths of the majority Sinhalese community, has also been blamed for a month-long strike by bus workers which has disrupted transport services and state and private establishments by poor attendance.

The statement said the government was compelled to close the universities as a temporary measure to prevent a small group of students from disrupting them.

"These groups were intimidat-

ing and terrorising innocent students preventing them pursuing their studies and sitting their examinations. They also used the universities for subversive activities," the statement said.

"The universities will be closed only until the security forces complete their search and isolate the disruptive elements," it said.

The government said last week that subversives were trying to topple it and gave sweeping powers to the armed forces to crush the uprising.

Meanwhile a special envoy of Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi held talks with Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa, who wants Indian troops withdrawn from the island by the end of July.

Official sources said Rajiv's principal secretary, B.G. Deshmukh, handed Premadasa a letter from the Indian leader.

Indian sources said Premadasa and Deshmukh met for 75 minutes, including a separate session without officials. They agreed to meet again tomorrow, the sources said.

Premadasa asked Rajiv last month to pull out the 45,000 troops by the end of this month, when they will have completed two years in Sri Lanka.

Shooting spree

Man kills 12

BESANCON, France, July 12, (AP): A farmer from a small village in eastern France went on a shooting spree today, killing 12 people, including his mother and sister, and injuring 10, police said.

Police captured the gunman and identified him as Christian Dornier, 31, who worked on his father's farm in Luxiol, a village of about 100 people located 275 miles (440 kilometres) southeast of Paris.

They said Dornier and a police captain were wounded in a shootout. There was no immediate explanation for the rampage.

The man's uncle, Georges Dornier, who arrived after the shootings, said in a telephone interview his nephew was "mildly depressive. I saw him this morning and he was very calm."

A young woman reached by telephone in Luxiol, speaking on condition of not being identified, said she heard gunshots that she thought at first were firecrackers.

"Then a neighbour told me a black car was driving around the village and the driver was shooting at everybody," she said. "I went to tell the mayor. I saw an old woman lying on the ground dead."

Pilgrims seek God's blessing

MAKKAH, July 12, (Agencies): Hundreds of thousands of Muslim pilgrims from 80 countries stood in prayer on Mount Arafat today to seek God's blessing at the peak of the annual pilgrimage amid a dragnet for terrorists who planted two bombs that killed one person and wounded 16 in Islam's holiest city.

Saudi Arabian King Fahd arrived at sunrise to supervise the haj in wake of the terrorist explosions that hit Makkah on Monday.

Fahd, whose official title is custodian of the holy shrines, has been assuring Arab and Islamic leaders that the kingdom will ensure the sanctity of the holy sites and the safety of the pilgrims.

Security sources said an unspecified number of suspects have been arrested for interrogation. The king issued a "no mercy" warning to the unidentified perpetrators. Saudi papers hinted that Iran was behind the bombings.

A previously unknown Arab group from West Beirut has claimed responsibility for the explosions.

One Pakistani pilgrim, Taleb Khan Gamallah, died in the bomb blasts on a road and a flyover leading to the Grand Mosque, which houses the Kaaba. Muslims around the world turn their faces toward the draped edifice in prayer five times a day.

Among the injured were two Saudi women, two Saudi men, three Pakistani men, five Bangladeshis, two Egyptians, one Turk and one Briton of Bangladesh origin.

The blasts were loud but caused little damage, according to security sources. Aside from the immediate vicinity of the blasts, the rest of the pilgrims was not affected.

The throngs huddled under a scorching 110-Fahrenheit sun, shouted in unison "Labaika Allahu mahmah Labaika," or "We Respond to Your Summons O Lord."

The speaker at noon prayers at the Numeerah Mosque on Arafat told the multitude the strength of Islam lay in unity and called on them not to allow divisions between them to grow.

Pilgrims gathered on a massive three-story bridge-like structure to hush stones at three monuments where Muslims believe the devil appeared during the time of Abraham.

An Arab journalist said security men had checked the structure in case of sabotage.

The Saudi state radio and television were hooked via satellite to scores of Muslim countries in live broadcasts of the rituals.

The Haj rituals culminate at dawn tomorrow, when hajis slit the throats of sheep and start the 3-day Eid Al Adha, or feast of sacrifice. This commemorates Prophet Abraham's readiness to sacrifice his son Ismail at God's behest.

By official Saudi count, 774,560 pilgrims came from overseas for this year's Haj. They were joined by about 500,000 others from within Saudi Arabia. In addition an estimated 600,000 Saudis converged on Makkah and Madinah to provide services and facilities.

Government-guided media in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the Gulf region denoted the crime.

A meeting of the Arab League council in Tunis described Monday's night's bombings as a repugnant and criminal act and said Arab states stood alongside Saudi Arabia in its measures to protect pilgrims on the Haj.

Amir to receive congratulations

Eid prayers at Grand Mosque

KUWAIT, July 12, (KUNA): HH the Amir will perform Eid Al Adha prayers at the Grand Mosque tomorrow, a statement by the Amiri Diwan said today.

Following prayers, HH the Amir then will receive Eid congratulations from the citizens at Al Saif Palace.

The Amiri Diwan extended felicitations to the Kuwaiti people and the entire Arab and Muslim nation.

HH The Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salim Al-Sabah has exchanged cables of congratulations with kings and premiers of the sisterly Arab and Islamic countries on

the occasion of Eid Al Adha.

The Crown Prince also received a number of congratulatory cables from Arab and Islamic personalities and also from Kuwaiti citizens.

Sheikh Saad reciprocated by sending his good wishes and expressed many happy returns.

Punish Israel, urges Kuwait

Consider economic sanctions

VIENNA, July 12, (Agencies): Kuwait yesterday called on world countries to consider economic sanctions and appropriate political measures to force Israel end its massacres against Palestinians in the occupied Arab lands.

Dean of the Arab Diplomatic Corps in Austria, Kuwaiti Ambassador here Abdul Hamid Al Awadhi told the periodical unofficial meeting for representatives of major donor countries to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) that verbal and written condemnations against the Israeli repression and violation of human rights were no longer enough.

He explained that such concrete measures are needed since Israel does not care any more for all denunciation resolutions.

Awadhi told the information meeting, organised by UNRWA at its Vienna headquarters, that all world countries have now to adopt punishments against Israel.

Mediators in Syria

Lebanese clash

BEIRUT, July 12, (Agencies): Syrian and Christian forces battled with howitzers around Beirut today amid heightening tension over a report that Christians were awaiting a new shipment of Soviet-made Frog-7 missiles from Iraq.

Police said 10 people were wounded in the duel between Syrian Army Commander Gen. Michel Aoun's gunners and the Syrians across a mountain range southeast of the capital.

The wounded, according to a police spokesman who cannot be named in line with regulations, are four soldiers from Aoun's 20,000-strong force, two Christian civilians and four Muslim civilians.

The new casualties raised the overall toll to 405 people killed and 1,593 wounded since the

latest civil war round erupted March 8 over Aoun's blockade of illegal ports run by Syrian-backed militias south of Beirut.

The police spokesman said shells were exploding at the rate of six a minute shortly after the barrage broke out at 7 am (0400 GMT).

The escalated shelling coincided with the arrival in Damascus of the Moroccan, Algerian and Saudi foreign ministers for talks with President Hafez Assad on the fighting in Lebanon.

Moroccan Foreign Minister Abdel Latif Al Filali told reporters in the Syrian capital: "In spite of the difficulties, I still think that conditions are appropriate for brotherly (Arab-sponsored) solutions."

The three foreign ministers are on an Arab League mission.



Lucky draw

Barbara Pierce gives her husband, Lee, a kiss after they claimed the Illinois lottery prize of \$22,865,467 for the July 8 drawing. The couple will share the winnings with their family. The initial payment of \$1,338,467 will be followed by 19 annual payments of \$1,335,000. (Reuters wire-photo)

Japanese on alert for possible volcano eruption

TOKYO, July 12, (UPI): Japan placed its Army, Navy and Air Force on alert today amid fears that a possible undersea volcano had formed only miles from the coast south of Tokyo in an area hit by more than 22,000 tiny earthquakes in the past two weeks, and may be ready to erupt.

Following a two-hour emergency meeting of Japan's volcanic eruption prediction liaison council, chairman Daisuke Shimozuru announced that the recent tremors may have been caused by molten rock

rising from the Pacific seabed some 12 miles (20 km) from the coast.

"We haven't found any direct signs of volcanic activity, but we have to continue our surveillance," he said.

The area is off the Izu Peninsula, a mountainous strip of land studded with more than 100 hot spring resorts, about 80 miles (120 km) southwest of Tokyo.

Since June 30, the peninsula has been hit by more than 22,000 earthquakes, including 477 that could be felt by people.

Last Sunday, a pair of strong quakes measuring 5.5 on the Richter Scale struck the region, injuring 21 people and damaging homes and roads in the peninsula's city of Ito.

Fears that the tremors signalled Japan's next great earthquake quickly switched last night to concern over a volcanic eruption when seismic activity changed.

Instead of sharp jolts, single tremors last night and this morning lasted up to an hour with diminished intensity.



Tribute

Philippine President Corason Aquino (centre) seen at a ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris as she prepares to lay a wreath of flowers on the tomb of the unknown soldier. Aquino continues her two-day official trip to France. (Reuters wire-photo) (See Page 2)

Bashir purges Army officers

KHARTOUM, July 12, (Reuters): Sudan's new military leader General Omar Hassan Al Bashir has quietly dismissed over 100 senior Army officers, police and prison officials, Sudanese and diplomatic sources said today.

The sources said the authorities in the past few days had rounded up more supporters of former Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi, whose civilian government was toppled in a June 30 military coup.

It was not clear how many of Mahdi's followers had been purged, but sources said prominent human rights activist Ushari Ahmed Mahmoud had been arrested this week.

The official Sudan News Agency reported the arrest of Mirghani Daifallah, identifying him as commander of Mahdi's Umma Party militia.

Al Bashir arrived in Cairo today for talks with President Hosni Mubarak in a surprise visit expected to confirm a new warmth in relations between Cairo and Khartoum.

Government sources said Bashir would also hold talks with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat who is in Cairo to brief Mubarak before the Egyptian President leaves to join other world leaders celebrating the bicentennial of the French revolution in Paris.

Shortly after the coup, Bashir pensioned off 30 senior Army officers and promoted himself to lieutenant-general from brigadier, saying the rise in rank balanced the armed forces.

On Monday, 71 Army officers, some of them major-generals and brigadiers, were pensioned off in an unpublished decree issued by Bashir as head of state and commander-in-chief of the armed forces, the sources said.

Bashir, 45, is also defence minister and prime minister. The sources did not know the reasons for Monday's decree but suspected the dismissals were linked to officers' possible ties with political parties Bashir had dissolved.

Two killed as Soviet ethnic violence flares

MOSCOW, July 12. (Agencies): Soldiers patrolled the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region in the southern Soviet Union with armed personnel carriers after two people were killed in a flare-up of ethnic violence, reports said today.

An overnight curfew remained in effect, and a 2-month-old strike kept most businesses closed in the tiny region about 1,900 kilometres (1,200

miles) south of Moscow, the reports said.

Tensions between Armenians, who make up three-quarters of Nagorno-Karabakh's population, and Azerbaijanis have run high since February 1988 because of a territorial dispute. Nagorno-Karabakh is in the republic of Azerbaijan, but neighbouring Armenia has sought to annex the disputed region.

In renewed violence yesterday, two Azerbaijanis were killed and a third seriously wounded near the village of Kirkidzhan, according to official and unofficial sources. The sources conflicted about the circumstances.

The official Soviet news agency Tass and the chief editor of Azerbaijan's official news agency Azerinform said the victims were shot in an ambush. Tass did not say who was responsible.

but the Azerinform editor said by telephone from the Azerbaijani capital of Baku that "extremist Armenians opened fire with hunting rifles."

The editor, who refused to give his name, and a worker at Nagorno-Karabakh's official newspaper Soviet Karabakh said there were unconfirmed reports that suspects in the attack had been arrested.

The newspaper worker, translator Donara Bagryan, said many Armenians believe the two Azerbaijanis were killed in a car accident and that the official version of an ambush was concocted as "a regular provocation against Armenians."

A worker at the state broadcasting outlet Gostelradio in Nagorno-Karabakh's capital, Stepanakert, offered a third version. The worker,

who also refused to give his name, said there were rumours that the Azerbaijanis had killed each other after an argument.

He also said Azerbaijanis had beat an Armenian and damaged a government truck over the weekend at a farm. He added that Azerbaijanis attacked a bus carrying Armenians from Yerevan, the capital of the Armenian republic, to Stepanakert.

Talks to heal old wounds

Rajiv to visit Islamabad

ISLAMABAD, July 12. (AP): Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto and India's Rajiv Gandhi, unsullied by ethnic massacres when Pakistan was carved out of India in the 1940s, hope this weekend to begin to heal decades-old wounds.

The prime ministers will hold talks on Sunday and Monday in Islamabad. It will be their second meeting since Benazir came to power last year. It also occurs a day after Benazir returns from a 10-day official visit to Britain and France.

Back to the fold Reunion

LONDON, July 12. (AP): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan told Queen Elizabeth II yesterday that her country is ready to rejoin the Commonwealth after a 17-year absence. British press reports said.

Press Association, the domestic news agency, said the queen welcomed the news that Pakistan would return to the 48-nation Commonwealth of Britain and its former colonies.

Benazir is expected to attend the next Commonwealth Conference in October in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

India has dropped its objection to Pakistan's return following an improvement of relations since Benazir became prime minister in December and restored democracy.

On the last full day of an official visit to Britain, Benazir also discussed joint action against narcotics trafficking with British customs officers.

Britain has offered to train Pakistani customs agents in fighting the heroin trade.

Rajiv, pressed into power when his mother, Indira, was killed by Sikh extremists in 1984, held bilateral talks with Benazir in Islamabad last December at the summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation.

Since coming to power in Pakistan's first free and fair elections in more than a decade, Benazir has promised to end the traditionally cold, even frigid, relations between the powerful Asian neighbours.

The late President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, and Rajiv agreed in December 1985 in New Delhi not to attack each other's nuclear installations, raising hopes for improved relations. Rajiv and Benazir reaffirmed the agreement last December.

But the warming trend cooled in 1986, when the countries began accusing each other of fueling bloody domestic disturbances. India was reeling from Sikh violence centered in the eastern Punjab province, and Pakistan faced thorny ethnic issues in its southern Sind province.

Repeated calls for peace in the region have been sparked by growing concerns over the nuclear weapons' capabilities of the countries.

Benazir, in an interview with the Associated Press last December and in almost every interview since, has said Pakistan does not have a nuclear weapon and will not build one.

US President George Bush broached the subject with Benazir during her June visit to the United States and with Rajiv in a telephone conversation.

Pakistan repeatedly has agreed to open its nuclear facilities to inspection if India makes a similar agreement. India has refused.

Benazir has said Pakistan will not move unilaterally on the issue. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the two leaders would discuss it in their talks. But the spokesman, who spoke on the usual condition of anonymity, refused to give details.

Bush called Rajiv reportedly in an effort to head off a regional nuclear arms race. India and Pakistan are believed to have nuclear capability, and both have successfully test-fired medium-range missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads and of reaching the other's soil.

On the agenda will also be an 18-year-old conflict over the 20,000 foot (6,060-metre) Siachen glacier. The disputed glacier, a forbidding and uninhabitable firing line, is in the Himalayan Range in northeastern Pakistan and northwestern India.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman refused to say how close the two countries were to an agreement on the Siachen issue or whether one might be on the table at the meeting.

Pakistan to buy US jets

WASHINGTON, July 12. (AP): The US government said yesterday that it plans to sell 60 F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan at an estimated cost of \$1.5 billion. "This sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States," the Defense Department said in a statement.

The sale will help "improve the security of a friendly country, which has been and continues to be an important force for regional stability in South Asia," said the statement.

It said the sale would not alter the military balance in the region. Last month, Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan won a commitment for the sophisticated fighters during a visit to Washington.

The US government said Pakistan needs the warplanes and support equipment to replace older aircraft and to maintain its territorial defences.

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Soldier held for youth's murder

MANILA, Philippines, July 12. (AP): The military turned over a soldier accused of killing one left-wing activist and torturing another, bringing to three the number of people arrested in the human rights case, an official said today.

Sgt. Arnel Jocson, assigned to the military's capital command, was handed over yesterday to the National Bureau of Investigation for questioning, said Salvador Ranin, an agency official.

Ranin said two others arrested in the case told investigators that Jocson hacked to death Reynaldo Francisco in March 1988.

Francisco and Hilario Bustamante, both members of a left-wing youth group, were allegedly abducted while putting up posters protesting the presence of US military bases in the Philippines.

Francisco was found dead a few days later in a field on the northern edge of Manila. Bustamante was found near death with a deep cut in his back.

Bustamante has said he and Francisco were abducted and taken to the camp of President Corazon Aquino's security guards, where they were tortured for three days before being dumped in the field.

Bustamante left for the Netherlands last April on a speaking tour on alleged human rights violations under Aquino's government. He is to testify at a conference on human rights in Geneva, Switzerland, in August.

Ranin said Jocson refused to give any statements. He said NBI officials also expected to take custody of Lt. Wilbur Naldo, a capital command intelligence officer implicated in the case.

Naldo allegedly gave the order to kill the activists because they were suspected of being communist rebels, Ranin said.

Two others - Sgt. Dioscoro Ambagay and civilian informant Bartolome Nieves - were arrested earlier this month in connection with the human rights case, which attracted attention throughout the world.

Human rights groups have cited the case as an example of abuses under Aquino's government.

Accepted

The wife and son of former president Ferdinand Marcos say the exiled ruler and his family have accepted the legitimacy of President Corazon Aquino's government.

Imelda Marcos and her son Ferdinand Jr. submitted a letter dated June 30 to the supreme court in compliance with a demand for a formal statement recognising the legitimacy of the Aquino government.

The letter, submitted to the court yesterday, carried the signature of the former first lady and her son, but not of the 71-year-old Marcos. The former dictator is semi-comatose in a Honolulu Hospital and is fighting for his life after his transplanted kidney failed and was removed June 29.

Conference

The court made the demand for recognition in the course of a petition filed by Marcos's political supporters urging the tribunal to compel the issuance of travel papers to Marcos and his family and direct the military not to implement Aquino's ban on Marco's return from Hawaiian exile.

The letter said in two previous correspondence to Aquino early this year, she was addressed as president. It pointed out Marcos signed a previous document pleading that the court allow him to come back.

"This acts was a clear acknowledgement of his submission to the jurisdiction of the present courts and by necessary implication, the legitimacy of the present government," the letter said.

Aquino has refused to allow Marcos to return, dead or alive, fearing violence.

About 4,000 evangelical Christians opened a global conference in Manila yesterday to forge new strategies for spreading the faith in a rapidly changing world.

Protestants parade after night of rioting

BELFAST, July 12. (Reuters): About 100,000 Protestants marched through Northern Ireland's streets today to commemorate the 299-year-old victory over Roman Catholics with drum-thumping parades that followed a night of sporadic rioting.

Five people were injured and seven arrested yesterday when rival factions clashed in Belfast. Police and troops used plastic bullets to disperse the rioters who hurled stones and petrol bombs.

"No big shakes, a relatively quiet night," a police spokesman said. Residents lit bonfires across the British-

ruled province to launch the annual festivities marking the 1690 Battle of the Boyne when Protestant Dutch King William of Orange defeated Britain's last Catholic King, James II.

Security forces were out in force at potential flashpoints, erecting screens to block off the Protestant marchers from Catholic areas. The province echoed to the sound of pipes, flutes and drums as Protestants staged 19 parades.

The predominantly nationalist village of Keady on the Irish border was saturated with police and troops, many armed with batons,

riot shields and plastic bullet guns. Helicopters hovered overhead but the Protestant march passed off peacefully.

Many Catholic families, resenting what they regard as a show of arrogance by the Protestants who outnumber them two-to-one, take their summer holidays at this time to avoid the "glorious twelfth" celebrations.

At the day's largest march in Belfast, Orangemen wearing sashes, bowler hats and white gloves carried ceremonial swords behind giant colourful banners praising their folk hero "King Billy" and extolling the virtues of temperance.



Two fugitive leaders of China's pro-democracy movement Wuerkaixi (left) and Li Lu (right) seen in public in Paris under heavy guard at a ceremony to unveil a replica of the Goddess of Democracy. (Reuters wirephoto)

Dissidents appear in Paris

'2,000 Chinese died'

NEW YORK, July 12. (UPI): A prominent student leader of China's outlawed democracy movement said today more than 2,000 people were killed in the Army's June 3 assault on protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square - a death toll 10 times higher than official estimates.

Wuerkaixi, 21, who fled to France after the crackdown and is now No. 1 on China's "most-wanted" list of fugitive democracy activists, told CBS television the massacre on the square was even bloodier than Western news reports have indicated.

"On the day of the massacre I was at the square. At least over 2,000 people were killed on Tiananmen Square," said Wuer, who CBS said was interviewed in a safe house at an undisclosed location somewhere in Europe.

His claim of 2,000 killed on Tiananmen Square cannot be independently verified, and is one of the highest claims of deaths on the square to date. The

Chinese government said about 200 civilian and "dozens" of soldiers and police were killed, and most Western news reports have placed the number of deaths in the hundreds.

In Paris, two fugitive leaders of China's pro-democracy movement, reappeared in public for the first time today accompanied by a French government minister.

Students Wuerkaixi and Li Lu emerged in the West under heavy guard at a ceremony to unveil a replica of the Goddess of Democracy statue erected in the Chinese capital's Tiananmen Square during mass demonstrations.

Li, who said he helped build the original statue torn down on June 4 by Chinese troops, said: "The statue is a symbol of hope for Chinese people. Now, that I have seen it again, it is like seeing more hope for China."

Beijing has protested officially to France about harbouring dissidents, saying they were plotting

to overthrow the Chinese government.

French Culture Minister Jack Lang was present at the unveiling of the statue at a Paris science centre. The government has supported the Chinese students who built the statue.

Meanwhile new Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin urged more than 150 of China's top diplomats today to show vigilance abroad because of what he described as a "complex international struggle," national radio reported.

Jiang, speaking at the end of a six-day meeting of ambassadors and other senior diplomats called to Beijing, appeared to signal a new emphasis on ideology in foreign policy in line with Beijing's crackdown on dissent at home.

He said China's policy of opening to the outside world was "unshakable," but added:

"In the complex international struggle, we must show vigilance."

Hong Kong assured of Western system

BEIJING, July 12. (UPI): China assured Hong Kong that Beijing will respect its pledge to maintain the British colony's capitalist system for 50 years after it reverts to China's rule in 1997.

"We practice our socialism and you may practice your capitalism," new Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin was quoted as saying by the official Xinhua news agency.

Jiang made the comments during a meeting yesterday with three officials from Hong Kong: T.K. Au, T.S. Li and P.H. Huang, members of a committee drafting a constitution for Hong Kong after 1997.

"The well water does not interfere with the river water," Jiang reportedly told the three panel members in reiterating Beijing would respect its pledge to keep capitalism in Hong Kong for 50 years after taking control.

Earlier yesterday in Hong Kong, residents mobbed centres giving out immigration information for Singapore, which this week loosened immigration requirements for those living in the colony.

A Chinese government official, meanwhile, said martial law would continue indefinitely in Beijing.

Yuan Mu, the spokesman for the state council, China's cabinet, said the government was not ready yet to lift martial law in Beijing, imposed May 20 and enforced on June 3 when tens of thousands of Chinese soldiers moved into the city.

The spokesman also said the ousted Chinese Communist Party chief, Zhao Ziyang, remains under investigation for offenses linked to the unrest of the democracy movement and could still face criminal prosecution.

Zhao, 71, was dismissed as Communist Party general secretary June 24 and later from all official posts after losing a leadership power struggle.

Zhao, who had advocated a conciliatory line toward the student-led democracy protesters, was dismissed for "supporting turmoil" and "splitting" the party leadership.

He is believed to be living in the party and government leadership residence compound, Zhongnanhai, in central Beijing. Chinese sources say he has refused to confess to offenses.

Earlier, the Beijing state security bureau released Peter Huang, 33, a reporter for Taipei's independence Evening Post, after detaining him for eight days and escorted him to the airport to be deported to Hong Kong.

Huang was nabbed by security agents July 3 after reportedly meeting with a fugitive student leader, Wang Dan, 20 one of those most wanted by police.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Curfew imposed

KARACHI, Pakistan, July 12. (AP): Police imposed an indefinite curfew yesterday on Karachi's slum district of Lyari and issued shoot-on-sight orders after 10 people were killed in a shooting spree.

Police said Monday's shooting began when Baluchistans, the north-west province of Baluchistan, forced businesses to close to protest police inaction over the killing of one of its activist members.

A group of Baluchistans was reported to have opened fire, injuring 20 people, three of whom died later.

Landslide kills 12

COLOMBO, July 12. (Reuters): Twelve people were killed today when their mud huts were buried in a landslide after torrential rain in Sri Lanka's western province, police said.

They said seven others were injured when boulders and clay crashed into homes at Ruwanwella, 55 km (35 miles) from Colombo, after two days of rain.

Injunction lifted

MONTREAL, July 12. (KUNA): A 22-year-old woman underwent an abortion last night immediately after the courts lifted an injunction which had been obtained by her boyfriend who objected to the abortion.

But Gregory Murphy, the former boyfriend of Barbara Dodd said he will go ahead and file an appeal, even though Dodd has already had the abortion.

The unprecedented case has made headlines in this country where abortion is a thorny issue and there is no law either accepting it or forbidding it.

Boycott planned

PARIS, July 12. (KUNA): The French opposition leaders will boycott the evening show of the French Revolution's bicentennial celebrations Friday, it was reported here today.

The right-wing daily "Le Figaro" reported that the majority of the opposition leaders are intending to boycott the evening show which President Francois Mitterrand is offering for his foreign guests.

The evening show of Bastille Day, described as the parade of the century, will be attended by the 30 heads of state who have been invited by Mitterrand and one million people who will watch it from the sidewalks of the Champs-Elysees Avenue.

Ta Mok to retire

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 12. (AP): A ruthless Khmer Rouge military commander, Ta Mok, said he wants to retire from all political activities after Vietnamese troops leave Cambodia, according to the Khmer Rouge Army Radio.

Ta Mok was the third Khmer Rouge leader to make this declaration since last month. Diplomats say the brutal Khmer Rouge, the largest guerrilla group fighting Vietnamese troops in Cambodia, was trying to clean up its image before an international conference on Cambodia to start July 30 in Paris.

Agents raid office

SEOUL, South Korea, July 12. (AP): Intelligence agents charged into a leading opposition newspaper's office today and confiscated photographs to use as evidence of a lawmaker's illegal trip to North Korea.

About 40 intelligence agents and 100 plainclothes police wearing helmets forced their way through the locked gates of the dissident Hankyoreh newspaper as reporters shouting "We refuse to be searched," tried to block them.

More than 1,000 riot troopers in combat fatigues circled the newspaper compound.

Talks planned

SEOUL, July 12. (UPI): South Korea proposed to North Korea today that working-level Red Cross officials get together early next month to discuss exchanging visitors and reviving full South-North Red Cross talks to help separated families.

Kim Sang-Hyup, head of the South Korean Red Cross, sent a letter to his northern counterpart Son Sung-yeon proposing that the working-level contact be held on Aug 2 at the true village of Panmunjom 35 miles (56 km) north of Seoul.

Troops sought

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea, July 12. (AP): A top official today asked for more soldiers to enforce a state of emergency on the island of Bougainville after renewed looting and sabotage by rebel landowners.

A military spokesman said looters ransacked a general store, tried to break into a gasoline station and set fire to a limousine early today in the latest outbreak of violence over operations at the huge Bougainville copper mine.

The mine, ranked among the world's 10 largest, closed in May because of sabotage by landowners demanding the equivalent of \$10 billion in land compensation for environmental damage from the mine.

Moon base urged

WASHINGTON, July 12. (KUNA): The US, possibly with co-ordination with the USSR or Japan, has been urged to send a mission to the moon that would include establishing a permanent base there. US officials disclosed here yesterday.

President George Bush may announce the launching of such a joint project as early as July 20 - the 20th anniversary of the first footsteps on the moon by American Astronaut Neil Armstrong - after Bush's return from the European economic summit.

Ban possible

LONDON, July 12. (KUNA): Executive jet aircraft could be banned from London's two main airports to ease congestion in Britain's crowded airways, it was reported here today.

London's efficient cabbies win the 'battle of knowledge'

LONDON, July 12, (Reuters): London's 15,000 taxi drivers have won the battle of the knowledge.

Never at a loss of words, the drivers of the famous black cabs have talked the government out of plans to break their centuries-old monopoly by arguing that their service is the finest in the world.

The victory guarantees the survival of the knowledge — the arduous two-

year process in which aspiring cabbies learn every street and landmark within six miles (10 km) of central London.

"The knowledge is more difficult than a university degree," said a pupil at Beejays Taxi School, where "knowledge boys" meet each day to recite street names by the dozen and chart routes across the capital with maps and bits of string.

Knowledge boys earn no pay for the

time they spend riding around the capital on mopeds and memorising the 468 set routes laid down in the "blue book," the taxi drivers' bible.

Many find themselves racing to pass their exams before their savings run out. Breakdowns and divorces are not uncommon.

But knowledge boys at Beejays, who meet for four hours each afternoon in a run-down hall in East London, are

spurred on by the prospect of a secure job with the freedom to work whatever hours they like.

"The cab trade has always been and will always be a second chance," said Phil Phillips, Beejays' cigar-smoking chief instructor. "You've got guys here that are in love with London, in love with the job. Every day they go and learn something new."

Some 2,500 applicants embark each

year on the knowledge quest — part of a system which traces its origins back to the 17th century and is still unique to Britain.

But after an outcry from cabbies, Transport Minister Michael Portillo announced in May he was shelving proposals to allow "mini-cabs," which can at present be summoned only by telephone, to compete with black cabs in plying for hire.

The government's u-turn was warmly welcomed at Beejays.

Cabbies say the present system provides a standard of service that could not survive the free-for-all of open competition.

They have to submit their vehicles for rigorous checks every three months and can be ordered off the road for faults as minor as a dirty windscreen.

Office romance good for business

FAIRFIELD, Connecticut, July 12, (UPI): Love in the workplace is no longer taboo and can even be good for business by boosting employee morale and productivity, says a professor of management.

"When I started researching this I expected to hear all sorts of horror stories," said Lisa A. Mainiero, associate professor of management at Fairfield University.

"But I found some really positive stories and that surprised me. I had to let go of some of my own prejudices," Mainiero added.

Mainiero, who has a doctorate in organisational behaviour from Yale University in New Haven, said her past research had focused on women in management.

She said she decided to write a book on the impact of office romances when a number of women told her they needed help in understanding the risks and benefits of workplace affairs.

The fruit of her labour is called "Office Romance: Love, Power and Sex in the Workplace," published by Rawson Associates.

Mainiero said she studied the actions of more than 100 women and conducted hundreds of interviews with members of both sexes during three years of research.

She found office love is definitely becoming more common and acceptable largely because of the influx of more and more women into the workforce.

More co-workers also are dating because of the risks of romance elsewhere, she said. "Rampant sexually transmitted diseases have made singles bars dangerous."

In her research, Mainiero found most successful office romances occur between peers who work in different departments. The riskiest and messiest affairs are those between bosses and subordinates, regardless of gender.

"The benefits are all in peer romances," she said. "The risks are all in hierarchical relationships and the reason is power."

"I found problems had little to do with sex or gender and everything to do with manipulation and exploitation of power in the workplace," she added.

Hierarchical relationships also are problematic because of the ways the couple is perceived by others in the workplace.

By contrast, Mainiero found relationship between peers often lead to increased worker productivity.

"All managers want to find ways to stimulate creativity, improve morale, enhance teamwork and recruit the best of talent," Mainiero said. "Office romances between peers encourage all of this."

Couples who have discussed potential problems from the very beginning tend to have the least problems even if they break up, Mainiero said.

Mainiero said she found successful couples had developed informal psychological contracts or game plans early on; one such plan includes and agreement that one person would transfer if the relationship went awry.

"They treat their relationship as a business relationship," Mainiero said.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

CHICAGO: A 14-year-old mother smothered her month-old son with a diaper because she was "tired of the baby," police said yesterday.

The unmarried mother, who was not identified, was charged in juvenile court with murder, said detective Joe Gorman.

The girl was visiting the baby's paternal grandmother when the infant started to cry, Gorman said.

The girl held her hand and then a blanket over the baby's face but couldn't get him to stop crying, he said.

"So she took the plastic side of the diaper and held it there until the baby stopped crying and stopped moving," the detective said.

The mother went in and watched TV for a while. The grandmother went back and took a look and the baby was dead," Gorman said. "She asked, 'What happened and (the girl) said she was tired of the baby.' (AP)

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COLUMBUS, Indiana: Dan Quayle was back home again in Indiana, and he said he was not about to change a tradition of personally taking his daughter to summer camp just because he is the vice-president of the United States.

The vice-president arrived at the Columbus Airport Sunday morning, landing away from the terminal and staying away from reporters. He left in a black limousine seven minutes later, planning to visit relatives before taking his 10-year-old daughter, Corinne, to summer camp nearby. The visit was described by secret service as strictly private.

He spent about half-hour visiting his grandmother at a nursing home.

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ROME: The new music director of Paris' opera Bastille, Myung Whun Chung has won the Ariano Tossani prize, Italian newspapers report.

The 36-year-old Korean-born conductor is to receive the award following his tomorrow's concert in the northern Italian city of Taverne.

The prize recognises Chung as a maestro with "a clear virtuosity typical of the great directors of the Toscanini school."

Chung studied at New York's Juilliard School of Music. In 1978, he was named associate conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. (AP)



Just being nosy

A German shepherd gets his noseprints in order to be issued an identity card on Tuesday on Montevideo, Uruguay. A new law in the country allows Uruguayan pets to obtain an ID card with picture and noseprints. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEW YORK: The Rolling Stones are returning to the road after an eight-year layoff, but the self-proclaimed world's greatest rock 'n' roll band says they're not coming back to make money.

"That's 'The Who' guitarist Ron Wood explained yesterday referring to another British band currently on tour.

Wood joined bandmates Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Bill Wyman and Charlie Watts to announce a 29-city North American tour in support of a new album, "Steel Wheels."

The tour opens Sept 1 in Buffalo, New York and the rest of the tour's first leg includes Philadelphia and Washington.

Opening for the Stones on all these dates is the group living colour.

Rolling Stone magazine has reported the band had signed a \$65 million tour deal.

"This tour is not historical ... I don't see it as a retrospective tour. I don't see it as a farewell tour. It's the Rolling Stones in 1989," Jagger told a media horde gathered in grand central terminal. (AP)

CAMBRIDGE, Maryland: A turtle who had the misfortune to be run over was at least lucky enough to be the victim of a veterinarian, who got a dentist to mend its broken shell.

The veterinarian, Dr. Joanna McCoy, said she injured the painted turtle with her car recently near the animal hospital where she works. Examining the turtle, she found its undershell broken into two pieces, but did not know how to fix it.

A dentist who by chance was at the hospital for a rare consultation on root canal work on a dog overheard Ms McCoy discussing her problem. He stepped in and came to the rescue.

"That was just what he needed... some dental acrylic," said Dr. Anthony J. Calabro. He splinted the shell and glued it back together with a baby-blue substance normally used for making dentures and repairing teeth.

The turtle was up and about in no time and sent on its way.

"Getting hit by a car, going to the vet, going to the dentist — that's a pretty scary day," Calabro said. (AP)

MINNEAPOLIS, New York: Elvis Presley died six days before he was scheduled to perform on Long Island in 1977, and a judge has ruled that more than \$85,000 in proceeds from unredeemed tickets belongs to the singer's estate.

But Nassau County, which has the money because it owns the indoor stadium where the show was scheduled, disagrees with the preliminary court ruling made yesterday.

"Elvis is only entitled to a day's pay for a day's work and since he didn't show up because he was dead, the ticket-holders have first claims," said Edward O'Brien, attorney for Nassau county.

"We take the position that the public treasury is entitled to the money after the ticket holders," he said.

A third of the 16,000 people who paid to go to the Aug 22 concert at Nassau coliseum in Uniondale never got refunds, presumably because they wanted to keep the tickets as souvenirs. (AP)

Cuban invasion planned by US

MEXICO CITY, July 12, (Agencies): A member of Cuba's collective vice-presidency said the nation's unprecedented drug crackdowns, which has resulted in the conviction of 14 Cuban officials on narcotics and corruption charges, was carried out in part to avoid a US armed invasion of the island.

Prensa Latina quoted Omani Cienfuegos, one of five vice-presidents of the State Council as saying that the United States would have prepared an "armed aggression against Cuba" on the pretext of fighting drug trafficking.

A military court found Gen. Arnaldo Ochoa, senior Interior Ministry Official Col. Antonio de la Guardia, Secret Police official Maj. Amado Padron and Ochoa's military aide, Capt. Jorge Martinez, guilty of betraying the nation by trafficking in narcotics. They were sentenced to death.

Cuban President Fidel Castro is accusing the United States of withholding information he claims could have helped his country uncover a drug trafficking network, Prensa Latina said.

Castro made the allegation against the United States in remarks Sunday to the Council of State, which upheld the death sentences and the prison sentences of 10 other officials. All were high officials in the Cuban military or the Interior Ministry's Security Service.

"The North Americans had at least two names" of the men involved in drug trafficking, Castro said, according to the agency's dispatch, monitored in Mexico. Excerpts of Castro's remarks were broadcast last night on Cuban television and reported by Prensa Latina.

Castro said Cuba had once discreetly informed US officials about a plot against former president Ronald Reagan's life. The United States should have repaid the courtesy in the drug-trafficking case, he said.

"We think it should be elemental to say something if you have information of this nature," he said.

Instead, he contended, the United States opted for a propaganda campaign against Cuba that claimed his brother and heir-apparent, Defence Minister Raul Castro, was involved in drug smuggling in an attempt to discredit him.

US law enforcement authorities had issued repeated protests since 1982 against alleged involvement in narcotic smuggling by high-level Cuban officials, Castro had, until now, denied the US charges and called them "slandorous."

If US intelligence officials had been frank and discreet, Cuba would have taken the charges more seriously and been able to expose the real drug traffickers sooner, Castro said.

It was only after "friends of ours in Colombia" came forward with information about Cuban involvement in the drug trade that the allegations were taken seriously, he said.

Baby born with bullet in chest

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, July 12, (AP): A girl born with a bullet in her chest after her mother was shot was in satisfactory condition yesterday after surgery.

"What should I name her? Miracle baby, or what? That's what I was thinking about, because she is a miracle baby," said Evelyn Page, 31, who gave birth Saturday, 8 and 1-2 months into her pregnancy, after being shot with a small-caliber firearm.

Page, who also was in satisfactory condition, said she was shot by a man who accosted her on the street and demanded that she get into his car.

"I knew my baby had been shot, the way my baby started moving in me," Page said. "My baby started moving real fast. She kicked the whole time."

The infant, delivered by Caesarean section, underwent surgery to remove the bullet shortly after birth.

The bullet broke a rib but did not damage internal organs.



Olivier dances with the late screen idol Marilyn Monroe in the 1956 film, 'The Prince and the Showgirl'. (Reuters wirephoto)

'It's the end of an era' Lord Olivier remembered

LONDON, July 12, (Agencies): The greats of London theatre and Hollywood alike mourned the passing of Sir Laurence Olivier, who they hailed as the greatest actor of his century now "making plays for the angels."

Olivier, whose theatrical triumphs during nearly six decades ranged from Shakespearean dramas to Hollywood stardom, died in his sleep yesterday at his home in Sussex, about 50 miles (80 km) south of London. He was 82.

"He was great in all things he did," said actor Michael Caine, who starred with Olivier in the movie "Sleuth." "He was a unique man and undeniably irreplaceable."

The management of at least 12 of London's leading theatres ordered the halls darkened for an hour last night as a sign of respect to the triple Oscar-winner regarded by many as the foremost actor of his time.

In New York, Broadway theatres followed suit, dimming their lights for one minute at curtain time.

Flags at the National and at the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford-Upon-Avon flew at half-staff, and the National's electronic indicator of shows said merely, "Lord Olivier: 1907-1989."

Inside the National's Lyttelton Theatre, actor Edward Petherbridge stopped the curtain call at "The Misanthrope" to request that the audience rise in a

moment of silence before one final round of applause.

"I'd like us just to applaud especially in case he (Olivier) is listening," Petherbridge said, his incisive voice choked with emotion.

Olivier's death left colleagues reaching for superlatives to pay tribute.

"He had more magic on the stage than any actor I have ever seen. He was extraordinary — he was irreplaceable," said Sir John Mills, one of a generation of elderly actor-knights of whom Sir John Gielgud, Olivier, and the late Sir Ralph Richardson were considered the three finest.

Actor Peter Cushing, who worked with Olivier on the film of "Hamlet" and many plays including "Cleopatra," said he was an actor with "wonderful ideas" he could pass on to others. "That was why he was also a great director, he almost painted people."

"No one will ever supplant Olivier's position, but there are others who will be inspired by him and the legacy he has left behind," Cushing said. "I bet he's up there, and he'll soon be organising all his old chums and making plays for the angels."

Former President Reagan, an ex-actor himself, said in a statement from California, "Sir Laurence Olivier delighted millions with his unmatched excellence on the stage and screen."

Judge orders spouse to be faithful

SPARTANBURG, South Carolina, July 12, (AP): A judge ordered a man who fathered six illegitimate children to refrain from having more kids with anyone except his wife.

Dwayne Suber, in court to plead guilty to stealing a city sanitation truck, got a lecture from Judge Frank Eppes on the need to own up to responsibility.

Suber, 26, has six children from several women. He fathered his first child when he was 13.

"The state's got to pay for him and his children," said Eppes. "This is one of the most tragic things I've seen in court in a long time."

At first, Eppes wanted to make Suber visit schools or

churches. But Suber, who uses a walker because of injuries suffered when he crashed the truck in 1986, would have difficulty meeting that sentence, said his lawyer, W. Barry Bland.

Eppes then placed Suber on five years' probation with the condition that Suber not have children with anyone but his wife.

Bill McAninch, a professor at the University of South Carolina Law School, cited state laws prohibiting fornication and adultery and said that defendants on probation are required to obey all state laws.

"I guess what he's doing is just singling out one part of the law," said McAninch.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Shares sold

NEW YORK, July 12, (UPI): Stung by charges he owned stock in companies operating in South Africa, mayor Edward Koch yesterday ordered the shares sold but asserted he had done nothing wrong and that his financial adviser had only made an innocent mistake.

Koch made a nearly \$100,000 profit before taxes and commissions on the sale of stock in seven companies, although he maintained he would have earned more if he had held on to the investments.

Policemen arrested

SALT LAKE CITY, July 12, (AP): Two air force security policemen were arrested in the theft of three F-16 jet fighter engines after an undercover sting identified dozens of people suspected of stealing military goods, the FBI said yesterday.

Indictments have been returned against 12 other people, but the documents remained sealed in US district court and the FBI refused to name them.

The two-year investigation was aimed at the theft of military goods, "a very lucrative activity in the United States and, to some extent, in Utah," said Robert Bryant, special agent in charge of the FBI office in Utah.

Fugitive arrested

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia, July 12, (AP): A man sought by the Italian government on charges of smuggling large quantities of heroin into Italy has been arrested in New Jersey, a US official said yesterday.

The fugitive, identified as Abdollah Sadaghiani, was detained late Monday in the New Jersey suburb of New York City, said Roger Ray, US marshal for the eastern Virginia district.

Sadaghiani is expected to be sent here for a hearing to extradite him to Italy, Ray said.

ACLU sues

WASHINGTON, July 12, (UPI): The American Civil Liberties Union, a private constitutional watchdog organization, sued the State Department yesterday, challenging the administration's denial of a visa to a prominent Cambodian journalist and legislator.

The lawsuit asked the US district court of the District of Columbia to overrule the department's decision to forbid Khieu Kanharith, editor of the Cambodian newspaper Kampuchea, from entering the United States.

Businessman freed

FASANO, Italy, (Reuters): A 64-year-old Italian businessman was freed on Wednesday after being held for seven months by kidnappers who sliced off part of his ear to try to secure a ransom.

Police said Marzio Ferrini was found shortly after midnight on a motorway near Taranto in the southern heel of Italy, about 200 km (125 miles) from the rugged Aspromonte Mountains where he said he was held chained at the neck and hands.

"It has been a nightmare," Ferrini was quoted as saying when he was picked up by police.

Islanders accepted

TARAWA, Kiribati, July 12, (UPI): Australia and New Zealand made clear yesterday they would accept an influx of thousands of Pacific islanders if atoll countries are swamped as a result of polar ice cap melt due to the greenhouse effect.

Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke, and his New Zealand counterpart, David Lange, made the commitment as the 15-nation South Pacific Forum discussed the relocation procedures in the event low-lying nations disappear under the ocean.

Food poisoning

LA ROCHELLE, France, July 12, (AP): A fourth resident of the Chateau du Bois D'Hure retirement home died of food poisoning traced to rice pudding and 41 others remained hospitalized, officials said yesterday.

Two people, the latest a 95-year-old woman, died yesterday from the contamination, one died Monday and another Sunday, City Hall officials said.

Logo using stopped

TOKYO, July 12, (Reuters): A Japanese food company said today it will stop using a 60-year-old logo featuring a top-hatted black man to avoid charges of racism.

"We do not want to earn a negative image through the use of this logo," a spokesman for Calpis Food Industry Company said.

Earlier this year, a Japanese group opposing racial discrimination complained to Calpis about the logo, which the company stopped using on exports more than 10 years ago. It will be dropped completely from next year.

Brush fires rage

LOS ANGELES, July 12, (Reuters): Eleven thousand firemen supported by 50 air tankers and water-carrying helicopters are fighting forest and brush fires which have burned 1.2 million acres (490,000 hectares) in nine Western states, a US fire official said yesterday.

The fires, fanned by hot, dry winds and a summer heatwave and at times sparked by lightning, are burning in California, Colorado, Oregon, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Idaho, Wyoming and Nebraska.

221 people killed

BEIJING, July 12, (AP): Torrential rains causing floods and landslides have killed at least 221 people in the southwestern Chinese province of Sichuan, official reports said yesterday.

The official Xinhua News Agency said at least 137 people were killed and 432 injured in flooding around Chungking (Chongqing) on Sunday and Monday, while 10 other people were missing.

Eighty-four people died in floods and a landslide in Nanchong prefecture north of Chungking, Xinhua said.

Hungary offered trade access

US will be your partner, Bush promises

BUDAPEST, July 12, (AP): US President George Bush today promised to give Hungary the first Peace Corps volunteers anywhere in Europe and offered a \$25-million grant to spur this nation's fledgling free-enterprise system.

Saluting the political and economic reforms, Bush said there is "no mistaking the fact that Hungary is at the threshold of great and historic change."

He promised that the United States "will be your partner" as Hungary tries to establish economic freedoms.

Bush made his comments in a speech prepared for delivery at Karl Marx University following talks with leaders of this reform-minded East bloc nation.

He pledged to give Hungary unlimited trade access to American markets once it enacts a liberal emigration law, as is soon expected.



Bush tears his prepared speech papers after arriving at Kossuth Square on Tuesday. He destroyed his speech so that the people who had been waiting in the pouring rain would not have to wait any longer. Behind Bush is President Bruno Straub of Hungary (right) and his wife Gertrud (left). (Reuters wirephoto)

'Congressional trips unjustified'

WASHINGTON, July 12, (AP): Globetrotting members of the US Congress took 1,033 overseas trips in 1987-88, some of them "mere junkets with no compelling purpose," a new study said today.

Congressional watchdog public citizen said the trips cost taxpayers at least \$13.5 million. They included one journey to five countries by the House rules committee, which has no role in drafting legislation.

In another trip, 13 House members and seven staffers went to Australia for seven days to help celebrate Australia's bicentennial, according to the report, "Free Flying Congress."

"There are many valid reasons for members of Congress to travel at taxpayer expense, but at least some of these trips appear to be unjustified excursions," said Joan Claybrook, president of the Ralph Nader Organisation.

The information on members of the 100th Congress, who served in 1987 and 1988, was compiled from the figures furnished by committee and from military records.

Altogether, 306 House members took 827 trips abroad at a cost of at least \$11.5 million the report said, while 80 senators went on 226 trips costing more than \$2 million.

Although commercial travel would be cheaper, the report

said, lawmakers often used the Air Force's 89th military airlift wing, which has most of its planes based at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington and is used for congressional and executive branch travel.

The most "frequent flier" in the House was Rep. Stephen Solarz, a New York Democrat, chairman of the Asian and Pacific affairs subcommittee of the foreign affairs committee. He made 14 trips during the two-year period, making 39 stops in foreign countries, the report said.

But, a review "reveals that some trips appear to be mere junkets with no compelling purpose," the report said.

Margaret Lawton, co-author of the study, called for new guidelines "requiring complete disclosure of the purposes, cost and accomplishments of all foreign travel."

The study recommended Congress create a separate budget listing for its travel and that members be required to use the most economical means of transportation available.

A House rules committee delegation of four members and four staffers visited Spain, Malta, Turkey, Kenya and Senegal over 12 days last December at a reported total cost of \$84,112.

Bulls gore two men

PAMPLONA, Spain, July 12, (AP): Two men suffered serious injuries today when they were gored at the sixth running of the bulls during the weeklong San Fermin festival romanticized by US author Ernest Hemingway, police said.

Twenty-six other people suffered minor injuries when the bulls ran the half-mile (one-kilometre) stretch from pens to the bull ring in three minutes and 35 seconds.

Once in the ring, one bull began plunging into the crowd on the sand and seriously gored Hector Munariz, 19, and Jose Ignacio Moruza, 39, both of Pamplona, police said.

Regions appeal

Italy faces crisis

ROME, July 12, (AP): Representatives from eastern coastal regions asked the environment minister yesterday for help in fighting off tonnes of slimy, green algae foam that have appeared along Italy's northern Adriatic beaches, news reports said.

"For the present emergency, it is necessary to approve the 53-billion-lire (\$40 million) decree that is presently before the house (of deputies)," Minister Giorgio Ruffolo said yesterday.

The officials also agreed that the algae crisis in the Adriatic would occur again and should be a priority of the government that

"I believe you are ready to meet the future," Bush said. "I see a country well on the way. I see a country rich in human resources and rich in moral courage of its people. I see a nation transcending its past and reaching out to its destiny."

Bush did not link the assistance with any demands for austerity, as he did earlier this week in Poland.

White House Chief of Staff John Sununu explained that Hungary has taken many steps toward a free-enterprise system and said they are "quite justifiable."

The White House said the Peace Corps volunteers being sent here will assist Hungarian efforts to develop and expand English-language teaching. Russian-language training is no longer required in schools, and Hungarian officials have expressed interest in expanding the use of English here.

"The teaching of English is one of the most popular American exports," Bush said in his speech, adding that the volunteer teachers who come here will help "open the global market to more Hungarians."

Sununu said the Peace Corps programme would be the first not only in Europe, but anywhere in a communist nation.

The United States announced plans this spring to send Peace Corps volunteers to China, but in the wake of the unrest there Chinese officials have help off accepting the Americans.

Bush said the \$25-million grant that he will seek from Congress would be used to create an enterprise fund to help Hungary expand its private sector, which, although small, is the most extensive in Western Europe. The programme is identical in purpose to one Bush announced earlier in Poland, but with only one-quarter of the funds that Warsaw will receive.

Sununu explained that Hungary has a population of only 10 million people, compared with 37 million in Poland, saying the gift to Budapest was based on a rough population scale.

The White House spokesman said the Kremlin should not feel the United States is trying to impose its philosophy on Hungary.

"I think that it is clear from the response not only of the Hungarians but from the feedback that we've had, that the Soviet Union recognizes that the efforts the President's taking are designed to stabilize, rather than destabilize," he said. "And I think that it is not only being well received here but around the world."

Among other steps, Bush said he will ask Congress for \$5 million to establish a regional environmental centre in Budapest for co-operative research among government and outside experts dealing with nuclear safety and energy issues.



Bush helps his wife Barbara Bush into her raincoat prior to the speech by Hungarian President Bruno Straub at the Kossuth Square on Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto)



Solidarity leader Lech Walesa (right) salutes Bush (left) after the latter's speech in front of the Lenin Shipyard and the monument to the workers who died in 1970 strikes. (Reuters wirephoto)

Poles need help: Walesa

GDANSK, Poland, July 12, (UPI): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said the Polish people showed their love for President Bush and he expressed hope Bush would reciprocate with the economic aid needed to keep Poland's economy afloat.

"The United States, just as all of Europe, is able to influence with its economic policy the course of our reform," Walesa told Bush before a crowd of 50,000 people at the Lenin shipyard, where Solidarity was born in 1980.

"I express my hope and the hope of millions of Poles that you will leave this country convinced that our country needs help and that it deserves to be

helped," Walesa said.

Walesa, who has said his country could face a civil war without economic reforms needed to prevent further austerity, had welcomed Bush to his home earlier in the day for lunch with their wives and a talk about his proposal for a \$10 billion economic rescue package for Poland.

Walesa said he suggested Western banks provide the \$10 billion for private investment in Poland. Bush said he was gratified with Walesa's emphasis on private aid and promised to carry details of the proposal to the economic summit later this week in Paris.

North to appeal verdict

WASHINGTON, July 12, (AP): Despite not being given a prison term, Oliver North is appealing his conviction in the Iran-Contra scandal and has already won a delay in the \$150,000 fine he is supposed to pay.

North said yesterday he wants to promptly perform the 1,200 hours of community service to which he was sentenced a week ago by US district court judge Gerhard A. Gesell.

North said in a one-sentence notice that he is taking his conviction and sentence to the US court of appeals and requested a stay in his fine, which Gesell granted until the case is finally resolved.

In a separate filing, North's lawyers said he "does not seek a stay of the sentence of probation conditioned on community service. He would like to begin promptly the important community service programme ordered by the court."

They said the next six to 12 months are "a critical start up" period during which the programme could best use the assistance of North.

US trying to help Military one option

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, July 12, (AP): The commander of US troops in Panama said yesterday that the United States has military options at its disposal to resolve the problems in that Central American country.

Gen. Fred F. Woerner said the situation in Panama is "horrible" under the de facto rule of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, who faces US drug charges.

"Noriega, using enormous pressure, is still controlling the life of the Panamanian people," Woerner said. "What is happening in Panama is very sad. There is no liberty, no nothing."

The Noriega-controlled government annulled the May 7 presidential election in Panama after international observers said the opposition won by a 3-1 margin.

"The United States has enormous military, political and economic options at its disposal for solving the Panamanian crisis," Woerner told a news conference.

Woerner said the United States "is allied with the Panamanian people in their search for peace and democracy."

"We are trying, as always, to help the Panamanian people in their desire to achieve liberty and democracy in a peaceful way."

Woerner was in Honduras for a ceremony yesterday marking a change in command of US forces in this country. Col. James D. Hallums replaced Col. Ward A. Miller.

The ceremony took place at Enrique Soto Cano Air Base, 48 miles (77 kilometres) northeast of the capital.

Bodyguards charged with murder

Winnie linked to death

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, July 12, (AP): Police have submitted a lengthy report to prosecutors that links black activist Winnie Mandela to the death of a teenager allegedly killed by her bodyguards, the government-run South African Broadcasting Corp. said yesterday.

Eight of Mrs Mandela's bodyguards have been charged with the murder of 14-year-old Stompie Moketsi Seipei who was beaten to death last December in Soweto, the huge black township outside Johannesburg.

Mrs Mandela, wife of jailed black leader Nelson Mandela, has denied any involvement in the case and has not been charged.

The attorney general of the

Witwatersrand region is to examine the report by Soweto police and then decide whether additional charges should be filed, the SABC reported.

The SABC quoted an unidentified spokesman in the attorney general's office as saying that the report linked Mrs Mandela to Seipei's death. It did not say how Mrs Mandela allegedly was involved or if the police report included any new information.

Spokesman for the attorney general's office did not return phone messages left by the Associated Press.

A lawyer for the Mandela family, Ismail Ayob, said he had not seen the police report and was not aware of its contents.

Cheney seeks end to waste and fraud

WASHINGTON, July 12, (UPI): Defence Secretary Dick Cheney restructured the Pentagon's management and proposed streamlining its weapons-buying system yesterday to curb waste and fraud and save an estimated \$30 billion within five years.

President Bush praised the directives and proposals in the long-awaited defence management review and wrote in a letter to Cheney, "You will have my strong support in implementing its recommendations."

Cheney's plans for a 15 per cent cost savings by fiscal 1993 by eliminating many jobs, management layers and outside contractors were contained in his 27-page "defence management report to the President" that was sent to Congress as well as to the White House.

Bush ordered the management review in February in response to the evidence of waste, fraud and abuse uncovered in the continuing federal investigation of the military's weapons procurement programme.

Cheney was able to implement some of the recommendations immediately, such as the restructuring of Pentagon management, but he will need legislation from Congress to streamline many weapons-buying regulations and procedures.

At a news conference to unveil the report, Cheney acknowledged others have tried and failed to reform the Pentagon and warned he has "no silver bullet here" in his proposal that might end all waste, fraud and abuse.

"We do think we can do better," he said simply, adding, however, "Our efforts... will be for naught unless we get some help from Capitol Hill."

The former Wyoming Congressman will present a legislative package to Congress by year's end to streamline what he called "burdensome regulations" affecting the Pentagon. He predicted it would take "several years" to enact the plans.

But the recommendations to eliminate management layers, consolidate functions and improve efficiency should cut annual procurement costs by fiscal 1993 by at least 15 per cent, or about \$7.5 billion, he said.

This should result in "an aggregate cost saving of \$30 billion over the 1991-95 five-year defence plan," according to his report.

Cheney criticised "policy gridlock" created by 30 congressional committees and 77 subcommittees with jurisdiction over defence matters and said he will issue a set of recommendations on congressional-Pentagon relations by Oct. 1.

Partisan dispute

WASHINGTON, July 12, (AP): A congressional subcommittee meeting to draft a foreign aid bill broke up in a partisan dispute yesterday after its chairman criticized the Bush administration for being unable to deliver Republican votes.

Congressman David Obey had proposed a compromise to the \$14.3 billion money bill for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, shifting \$166 million into categories the administration wants, primarily military aid to friendly countries.

But as the meeting of the House of Representatives Appropriations Foreign Operations Subcommittee began, Congressman Jerry Lewis asked to be allowed to offer an amendment that would cut development aid to China through the international development association.

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Seipei and three young black men allegedly were abducted from a church sanctuary last December, taken to Mrs Mandela's home and assaulted. Seipei's body was found in a Soweto field Jan. 7, police said.

Community leaders in Soweto have said the other three men were freed from the house only after intense community pressure. A lawyer for the three men has said they have prepared affidavits asserting that Mrs Mandela was "involved" in their abduction.

Anti-apartheid groups have disowned Mrs Mandela and accused her bodyguards, known as the Mandela United Soccer Club, of waging a "reign of terror" in Soweto.



Peace conference

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat arrived in Egypt today for talks with President Hosni Mubarak which analysts said would probably bring renewed calls for a Middle East peace conference.

Arafat told reporters at Cairo Airport that Israel's new tough conditions on its plan for Palestinian elections in the occupied territories proved Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had been trying to buy time with his proposals.

"Shamir was only trying to buy time and abort the intifada (uprising)," the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman said.

The Israeli prime minister last Wednesday bowed to pressure from hardliners in his Likud Party and agreed to bar Arabs in east Jerusalem from voting and to continue building Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Shamir also ruled out any Palestinian state and said the

poll to select Palestinians for talks on interim self-rule would not be held until the 19-month-old uprising in the occupied territories ended.

As a result, Israel's Labour Party has threatened to withdraw from its government coalition with the Likud bloc.

"Now, after the Israeli conditions, the election proposal is dead," said Salama Ahmed Salama, political analyst at Egypt's semi-official Al-Ahram newspaper.

"The option now is a shift back to the international conference."

Arafat flew to Cairo less than 24 hours before Mubarak, the key Arab power-broker in the region, flies to Paris.

Picture shows Arafat leaving the airport after being welcomed by Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Maguid. (Reuters wirephoto)

Battle over Gaza cards

OCCUPIED GAZA, July 12. (Reuters): Israeli occupation

authorities and Palestinian activists are locked in a tug-of-war over new magnetised plastic cards that entitle Arabs to enter Israel.

The Israelis meant the cards, of which 20,000 have been issued so far, as a tool against the 19-month-old Palestinian uprising, enabling them to grant or withhold the right to work in Israel as a means of economic reward or punishment.

Decried by civil rights activists as akin to South Africa's apartheid methods of racial segregation, the new documents are valid for six months or a year, carry the name, photograph and address of the bearer and the words "allowed to enter Israel."

"People who have committed security offences, people who are active in the intifada (uprising) and on wanted lists will no longer be able to earn their living from working in Tel Aviv and then go home to riot," said an Israeli Army officer.

But as soon as many Palestinians receive the cards, masked uprising activists come to their homes and collect them to be burned or stored in a secret place. In the Mugbara and Nuseirat refugee camps underground popular committees collected the cards at mosques or from homes. Residents needing to go to Israel now must apply to their neighbourhood activists to get their card back, a local activist said.

Seizing the cards potentially gives the popular committees the same power over the residents' movements which the Israeli authorities had. It has also given local activists a chance to flex their muscles after recent setbacks due to arrests.

"Instead of the Israelis controlling who comes and goes, the local committees are exercising that control by taking in the cards and only issuing them to people with special permission to come and go," the local activists explained.

Palestinians say the Israelis are turning a blind eye to workers going to Israel without the cards because the system is not working.

Israeli officials dispute this and say Arab activists are turning a blind eye to most Palestinian workers using the cards because they do not have the power to enforce a permanent work boycott.

Work in Israel is the main source of income for the 650,000 Palestinians in the teeming coastal strip.

The system has not yet been extended to the occupied West Bank, where entry and exit are far harder to control.

Lebanese youth obsessed

Children play war games

BEIRUT, July 12. (Reuters): Thirteen-year-old Fadi Hammoudi raked the Beirut street with a make-believe weapon and tossed a firecracker "grenade."

When Lebanon's adults stop killing each other, the children take to the streets for their own war games.

"When there is fighting outside we stay indoors and play cards because we don't want to be killed by a shell. But when the shelling stops we go out and play our own war games," said Fadi.

For the past four months, a violent conflict between Army chief Michel Aoun and Syria's troops in Lebanon has dominated the lives of all Lebanese. Schools closed down.

In their game, Fadi and his friends divide themselves into two camps, one representing the Christian Aoun and the other the Syrians and their Muslim allies.

They take up positions behind mounds of sand and hurl fire crackers at each other, pretending the fireworks are artillery shells.

"Michel Aoun hides under a stairway just as in real life he hides in his shelter when there is shelling," said Ahmed Kharraj, 13.

Parents are horrified at their children's games. Many fear the youngsters are obsessed with war.

One Muslim banker told a friend he decided to emigrate when he saw his children pretend there was shelling and run for cover in their imaginary shelter.

Psychologists say it is important for children to act out war situations as it helps them keep at bay their anxiety and fear of death.

"A child tries to invert roles. Instead of being the victim he becomes the hero. When he externalises his fear his behaviour will become more positive. Otherwise he will become destructive and vindictive," said clinical psychologist Mustapha Hijazi.

Randa Khoury, a specialist in child development, said war themes also recur in the children's drawings.

"Children marred by violence use the colour red a lot in their drawings. It symbolises fire or blood. People in the drawings always have something in their hands. When we ask them, they say these are guns."

Through 14 years of civil war children have been confined for weeks or months to their homes and bomb shelters, terrified by the sound of shells exploding around them.

"Our children are living in an atmosphere of fright. They are surrounded by destruction. At their age they should be playing with swings and going to the beach," said Khoury.

Well-to-do Lebanese parents have tried to compensate by showering their children with expensive gifts and sending them for holidays abroad. But these children suffer, too.

"Our kids aren't happy kids. They demand more material things from their parents because they haven't lived their childhood," said child psychologist Omayma Yaktine.

Orphans and neglected children, deprived of the emotional security and affection of the family, are the most vulnerable victims of Lebanon's conflict.

At Lebanon's Islamic orphanage, many of the 1,500 children have had terrifying war experiences which have made them harder than many adults.

"I'm not afraid of shelling. I've seen a lot of it," said Ibrahim, a frail 13-year-old with intense brown eyes.

He recounted without blinking the day four years ago when his parents and two brothers were torn apart by a shell which slammed into their shack on the outskirts of the Palestinian camp of Sabra, where many Lebanese families live.

"I was sleeping. I woke up and found my brother Bilal telling my brother Ali to get out from under the sofa. I thought they were playing. I moved the sofa and found Ali lying there with his guts split out. He was dead," said Ibrahim.

Syria frees 37 Lebanese

60 still under detention

TRIPOLI, July 12. (Reuters): Syria today released 37 Lebanese Muslims held in its jails for more than four years for anti-Syrian activities, security sources said.

They said the 37 — mostly members of the fundamentalist Tawheed Movement — arrived in their hometown in this northern Lebanese town but 60 others were still held.

The sources said 56 Tawheed members returned to Tripoli during the past month. They were allowed to reopen offices and

carry automatic weapons but were closely watched by Syrian forces who control north Lebanon.

Most of them were arrested in 1985 when Tawheed, led by Sheikh Saad Shabban, was crushed in Tripoli in fierce battles with Syria and its allies.

Tawheed had supported PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, whose Fatah mainstream group was driven out of Tripoli in 1983 after battles with pro-Syrian Palestinians.

Millions expected at Khomeini memorial

NICOSIA, July 12. (Reuters): Millions of Iranians are expected to gather at Ayatollah Khomeini's graveside near Tehran tomorrow in a mass outpouring of grief for the man who created revolutionary Iran.

A flag-draped steel cage topped by a golden dome has been built around the grave in a bid to prevent a repetition of last month's frenzied scenes when mourners tried to hurl themselves into the trench where Khomeini was being buried.

Police are switching traffic over 100 miles (200 km) from Tehran to special routes to ease congestion as millions take to dusty roads for the service to mark the end of 40 days mourning for Khomeini, who died in June 3.

The government has declared tomorrow a holiday, enabling millions to attend the ceremony as a show of support for the Islamic republic Khomeini founded 10 years ago.

Muslim leaders from Lebanon and radical Palestinian leaders are in Tehran to attend the memorial. Delegations from Syria, China, Japan, South Korea, Pakistan, Czechoslovakia and Kenya are also attending.

The national news agency IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said 7,000 men had worked round-the-clock over the past month to prepare Khomeini's graveside — called "the Imam's sacred shrine" by the Iranian media — for tomorrow's ceremony.

Tehran Radio urged mourners to bring mats,

drinking water and umbrellas for protection from Tehran's blazing sun, but said food would be provided. Temperatures could be above 40 degrees centigrade (over 100 Fahrenheit).

The commander of Iran's highway patrol told state television last night traffic on some roads up to 200 km (120 miles) from the capital would be affected by special regulations put in force 48 hours before the ceremony.

An aide to Khomeini's son Ahmad put in charge of the ayatollah's shrine said last month plans were being made to start construction of an Islamic cultural centre on a 60-hectare (150-acre) plot at the grave in two years' time.

It's no contest in Iran election

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 12.

(AP): Iran's presidential election July 28 is a race dominated by Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, and if the Tehran media is anything to go by, the result is a foregone conclusion.

A poll published yesterday by the radical Abarz daily, which has been critical of Rafsanjani's so-called pragmatist faction in the past, showed that 86 per cent of Iranians asked said they would vote for him.

Only 11 per cent said they would vote for his only challenger, former Agriculture Minister Abbas Sheibani of the Freedom Movement, Iran's token opposition party.

Three per cent said they would not vote in the election, given special significance because it falls only weeks after the June 3 death of Ayatollah Khomeini.

The transition of power has been unsmooth so far, despite fears of a power struggle between Rafsanjani's so-called pragmatists and hard-liners led by Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi.

Rafsanjani, 55, has emerged as the political strongman with his ally, incumbent President Ali Khamenei, chosen as Khomeini's successor as religious leader.

The radicals have not challenged Rafsanjani in the presidential election. Political analysts believe the wily Rafsanjani has so far been able to out-manoeuvre his rivals, but that the months ahead could be turbulent.

Rafsanjani and Sheibani "doesn't stand a snowball's chance in hell," said an Iranian business executive who was in Nicosia several days ago.

"Everyone knows that Rafsanjani will win. It's no contest."

Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, one of Rafsanjani's rivals, said the election process displayed democracy in action.

The Iran-based Mujahedeen Khalq, or People's Holy Warriors who form the main rebel movement against the Tehran government, branded the poll "a farce."

Rafsanjani is a formidable political figure who was considered the second most powerful figure in Iran while Ayatollah Khomeini was alive.

He has been Speaker of the 270-seat Majlis, or parliament, for eight years. In last year's parliamentary elections, he polled more than 1.3 million votes, the highest recorded in the balloting.

Sheibani on the other hand is less well known. The Freedom Movement led by Mehdi Bazargan, the republic's first prime minister, is barely tolerated and is only allowed to function as a token opposition.

"Sheibani was allowed to run for cosmetic purposes so that Rafsanjani would not be the only candidate," the Mujahedeen said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Iran yesterday licensed seven political groups to operate and warned that those without permits would no longer be allowed to function.

Iranian television quoted Mohtashemi as saying a law regulating activities of political parties is now in force and groups without official permits could now not operate.

Among the seven licensed, out of more than 60 which applied, was an offshoot of an Islamic fundamentalist party which carried out assassinations in the 1940s and 1950s.

Ali Sayyed Shirazi, commander of Iranian ground forces in the final three years of the Gulf war is reported to have been arrested in connection with his indirect support for Ayatollah Hossein Montazeri, a British newspaper said today.

General Shirazi was said to have visited the disgraced Montazeri several times since Ayatollah Khomeini's death, carrying messages of support from fellow officers, the Independent newspaper pointed out.

Montazeri was removed from the post of Khomeini's successor last March.

Kabul ready to attack Pakistan

Stop aggression, Islamabad told

NEW DELHI, July 12. (Agencies): Afghanistan said today it was prepared to attack Pakistan if there was no end to aggression from its territory.

Afghan mujahedeen rebel leaders are based in Pakistan. "I want to repeat the demand of our government and people that the aggression from the territory of Pakistan should immediately stop," Afghan Ambassador Abdul Zamad Azhar told a New Delhi press conference.

"If it continues despite our call on the international community, it means they will put us in the situation of having no choice but to retaliate. If we don't have any other choice, we will do it."

"We say in Afghanistan that if they were really men... they should have the courage to stop their terrorist actions and face us in war."

It was the latest and toughest of a series of warnings the Kabul government has given Pakistan since the withdrawal in February of the last of the Soviet troops which for nine years had helped fight mujahedeen rebels.

Afghan government expects rebels to launch a major offensive in mid-July, Azhar said. Azhar said that his government believed the target of the offensive would be southern areas of Afghanistan.

Azhar blamed the government of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto for the ball of rockets which hit Kabul on Monday. About 30 people were killed and 167 wounded, Kabul said.

"These shelling cannot be tolerated any more," Azhar said. He said since Monday's rocket attack there had been demonstrations in Kabul demanding that the government retaliate against Pakistan, US, Egyptian and Chinese arms have been channelled to the mujahedeen through Pakistan.

Kabul airport and military facilities in and around the Afghan capital are under continuous and heavy mujahedeen rebel rocket attack, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

While air resupply of the capital continued, a major road was reportedly closed for about 12 miles north of the city and the mujahedeen were believed to be harassing Kabul regime troop movement on a parallel spur.

The mujahedeen continued to occupy the heights areas to the east and south of the Samedkhal garrison, where high altitude bombardment of the area continued.

Afghan government forces fired at least 100 rockets on rebel bases in the hills around Kabul, hours before the government began a unilateral ceasefire today, the government said.

The rockets were fired late yesterday into the Paghman mountains, 20 kilometres (12 miles) northwest of Kabul, Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani said, in Kabul.

"We understand our brave armed forces have successfully carried out the task given to them to destroy the rebel positions," Amani said. He did not have casualty figures.

The barrage of rockets came a few hours before a four-day ceasefire, called by the communist government in observance of the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Adha, took effect at midnight (2130 GMT) yesterday.

A spokesman for a rebel group today rejected the ceasefire.

The spokesman said, "the ceasefire doesn't have any meaning for the mujahedeen (rebels) because we began our fight to get rid of the communists and the problem is not solved."

The government said the rebels fired 60 rockets on the capital on Monday and Tuesday, killing at least 24 people.

"We pray that no more rockets hit us during the Eid," said Mohammad Naim, a taxi cab driver.

Rashid not being extradited to US

ATHENS, Greece, July 12. (AP): A suspected Palestinian terrorist will not be extradited to the United States during the three-month duration of the new conservative-communist coalition government, the justice minister said yesterday.

The minister, Fotis Kovelis, said the decision will be made by the government emerging from new elections in October.

Mohammed Rashid, 39, is accused of planting a bomb on a Pan Am jumbo jet in 1982. A Japanese teenager was killed and 15 other people were wounded in the blast over Hawaii.



Abdel Hadi Suleiman Ghanem, the Palestinian who killed 14 and wounded 27 when he forced a bus off a cliff on its way to occupied Jerusalem last week lies in a hospital bed. (Reuters wirephoto)

Attack called terrorist act

US bows to Israel

WASHINGTON, July 11. (Agencies): The United States does not call it terrorism, in fact it gives a licence to kill to every Palestinian individual or organisation, Foreign Ministry spokesman Alon Liel said.

In Washington, Boucher replied: "There is no licence being offered."

Today Israel criticized the United States for being too slow in condemning the attack. A Foreign Ministry spokesman referred to the US State Department statement yesterday as "the proper thing to do, though it's a bit late."

The Palestinian who caused the crash, Abdel Hadi Suleiman Ghanem is probably the most hated man in Israel today. But in his home refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip, he is a hero.

Ghanem, 25, was injured in the crash and is under heavy guard in an Israeli hospital. To Israelis he epitomises the "Arab terrorist" — a man who swept civilian men, women and children to their death out of blind hatred.

Israeli troops blew up his four-room shelter in this sand-blown refugee camp on Sunday, making 15 relatives homeless, in the kind of instant retribution meant to assuage Israeli public anger and deter Palestinian emulators.

Boucher addressed a news briefing hours after Israel accused its closest ally at a Foreign Ministry news conference of giving Palestinians a "licence to kill" by not more strongly condemning the bus attack.

Suspect denies charges

Maliki's 'killer identified'

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 12. (AP): A third witness has identified a suspect in connection with the killing of a Saudi Arabian diplomat in Bangkok, a senior police official said today.

The suspect, 31-year-old Adnanat Songkrawala, arrested on June 22, has denied killing Saleh Abdullah Al Maliki, a third secretary at the Saudi Arabian embassy. Maliki was shot while walking home from his embassy in downtown Bangkok on Jan 4.

Maj. Gen. Thanoo Hothua, commander of southern Bangkok Metropolitan Police, said the witness, Thongkam Sengkharn, a Thai working in Saudi Arabia, was the third person to identify Adnanat in connection with the diplomat's killing.

Thanoo said the killing may have resulted from conflicts between the diplomat and employment agencies in Thailand that recruit Thais to work in the Middle East. One of Maliki's chief roles was to issue visas for Thai workers.

Greece's supreme court on May 12 upheld an extradition order sought by the United States. But the justice minister has final say in all extradition cases.

The former socialist administration had postponed the decision on Rashid until after the June 18 general elections.

But after no party won a majority in the elections, the conservative New Democracy Party and communist-led Coalition of the Left and Progress decided to co-operate and govern for three months to cleanse Greece's scandal-ridden politics.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Official visit

TUNIS, July 12. (Reuters): Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Baccouche will go to Libya next Monday in an attempt to speed up joint projects after a period of uncertainty, an official source said today.

Libyan and Tunisian leaders have not met since Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi met Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Casablanca in late May and later upset Tunisians by saying that Egypt was the Arab country closest to Libya.

Tunisian officials also suspect Libya of dragging its feet on commitments made in 1988 and early 1989 when the two countries were on the best of terms.

Free insurance

NICOSIA, July 12. (Reuters): Iranians mourning their late leader Ayatollah Khomeini on the 40th day after his death tomorrow will get free life insurance because of potential dangers from frenzied crowds and scorching heat.

Many grief-stricken mourners were crushed to death or died of exhaustion as millions flocked to Khomeini's funeral last month, the Iranian News Agency IRNA said.

Temperatures of about 40 centigrade (over 100 Fahrenheit) are expected in Tehran during tomorrow's ceremonies.

Official talks

LONDON, July 12. (KUNA): A senior aide to the Palestinian leadership is due to have important talks here tomorrow with British Foreign Office Minister William Waldegrave, focusing on the urgent need for a comprehensive solution to the Palestinian question.

The Foreign Office said that Waldegrave has invited Bassam Abu Sharif for a meeting to review with him the recent developments in the region and the political crisis in Israel.

The Israeli coalition government is set to collapse after Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir gave in to demands by his hardline Likud Bloc to alter his controversial plan for elections in the occupied territories.

The continued deterioration of the situation in the West Bank and Gaza will be looked at as the 20-month Palestinian uprising was continuing unabated, British sources said.

Mideast issues

LONDON, July 12. (KUNA): Iraq's deputy Foreign Minister Wisam Al Zahawi conferred here today with British Foreign Office Minister William Waldegrave, centring on the latest developments in the Middle East.

The Foreign Office said the discussions also dealt with the stalled UN-sponsored negotiations designed to secure a lasting settlement to the Gulf war.

In addition, they looked at Iran in the post-Khomeini era. The meeting, which lasted for half an hour, touched on bilateral relations and the Kurds, the foreign office added.

Arms sale

VIENNA, July 12. (Reuters): An Austrian firm involved in a scandal over alleged illegal arms sales to Iran said today it had signed a deal to sell Saudi Arabia handguns.

Alexander Wraetz, assistant to the chairman of the state-owned Noricum Company, told Reuters the deal to sell the 155-mm guns was completed during a visit to Vienna by Saudi Defence Minister Prince Sultan last month.

Asked for details, he would say only that up to 100 GHN-45 Howitzers of the same type as those in the Iranian deal were sold to Saudi Arabia for more than 100 million schillings (\$7 million). The Saudi Arabian sale complies with Austrian law.

Khomeini stamps

NICOSIA, July 12. (Reuters): Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's late supreme leader, has appeared for the first time on an Iranian postage stamp on the eve of ceremonies to mark the 40th day of mourning.

The Iranian News Agency IRNA said stamps worth 20 and 70 rials (30 cents and \$1) were issued today to commemorate the founder of the Islamic Republic who died of a heart attack on June 3 at the age of 66.

Co-ordination

LONDON, July 12. (AP): The two main Iranian political groups opposed to the Iranian government have agreed to co-ordinate their activities, the London-based Iranian newspaper Kayhan reported yesterday.

It said Shapour Bakhtiar, the last prime minister under the late Shah of Iran, has opted to pool resources with the followers of the Shah's son, Reza Pahlavi.

The move follows efforts by Hashemi Rafsanjani, speaker of the Iranian Parliament, to consolidate the clerical hold on power in Iran following the death of Ayatollah Khomeini on June 3, the paper said in its July 13 issue published yesterday.

Church meetings

LIMASSOL, Cyprus, July 12. (AP): Roman Catholic prelates yesterday joined Orthodox and Protestant churchmen at a Middle East Council of Churches meeting that will discuss Christian-Muslim relations in the region.

"Now for the first time in history all the churches in the Middle East are sitting at the same table," said MEEC president Patriarch Ignatios IV of the Orthodox Church of Antioch.

"We feel it is the will of god that we came together now to say to those who expect us to speak about Christianity that there is but one Christianity, even if we are divided into a number of churches," he added.

Pharaoh's labourers

WASHINGTON, July 12. (KUNA): Archaeologists, apparently with knowledge of how the ancient Egyptian Pharaohs lived yesterday said they now want to know about the labourers who build pyramids to the great men.

Fascinating history of the Kiswa

Splendour of the House of God

THE Ka'aba is a 50 feet/15.25 m high stone cubical structure with the "Hajr-al-Aswad," the sacred Black Stone, embedded in one corner. As the focal point of the Grand Mosque of Makkah, the Ka'aba is the physical centre of Islam. It is revered as the very House of God, built under His orders, by the Prophets Ibrahim and Ismael. During five daily prayers, Muslims from the world over face the direction ("Qibla") of the Ka'aba.

Like the Ka'aba that it drapes, the Kiswa has a fascinating and colourful history. Its precise origin is difficult to trace, but its use clearly predates the advent of Islam. It is traditionally known that when the Prophet Ibrahim was told by God to make the Ka'aba, no mention was made of the Kiswa. Some scholars argue that the first Kiswa was made by the Prophet Ismael, but there is no evidence to support this. Others affirm that the first Kiswa was made by Adnan bin Ad', a great-great-grandfather of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) but this claim also lacks authentication.

The first historically verifiable record of the draping of the Ka'aba attributes the honour of Tabu Karab Aswad, King of Humayyur in the Yemen. Tabu invaded Yathrib (now Medina) in 400 CE, 220 years before the Hijra. He also entered Makkah and performed Umrah. He is said to have dreamed that he was making the Kiswa, and then dressed the Ka'aba with "Kasaf" — dried palm leaves sewn together. In one form or another, the Kiswa draped the Ka'aba ever since.

After the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) defeated the pagans of Makkah and entered the Ka'aba, he cleansed it of all idols and turned it into a sacred sanctuary of monotheistic Islamic worship. In the tenth year of the Hijra (630 CE), two years after the Prophet led the campaign to free Makkah, the sacred valley of Mina, and Mount Arafat from the control of the Makkah pagans, he performed his first holy pilgrimage (Hajj). Over 100,000 pilgrims, at that date the largest gathering ever, flocked from all over Arabia for this pilgrimage. For the first time in many centuries, the Ka'aba had once again become the exclusive sanctuary

of monotheism.

It is said that on this pilgrimage the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) dressed the Ka'aba in its first Islamic Kiswa, referred to as the "Yemeni Kiswa." Khalifa (Caliph) Omar bin Al Khatab ordered the first Egyptian-made Kiswa in 13 AH (634 CE). It was made from thick cloth known as "gabaati." Every year, at the time of pilgrimage, the Kiswa was cut into pieces and distributed among the pilgrims.

During the reign of Khalifa Othman bin Affan — 23-35 AH (643-655 CE) — the Ka'aba used to be dressed twice a year at Dhu'l-Hijja (the month of the Hajj), before the pilgrimage and on the 27th of Ramadan. Khalifa, Muawiyah also dressed the Ka'aba twice a year. Verses

work around the Ka'aba and the Grand Mosque. In 743 AH (1342 CE) Al Malik Al Saleh Ismail Galawoon, the Sultan of Egypt, made a "waqf" or gift of the income of three farming villages towards the making of the Kiswa and the upkeep of the Ka'aba. Three hundred years after Galawoon, the Ottoman emperor Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent allocated the income of seven more villages to the upkeep of the Ka'aba and "Al Hujra" in Medina. For centuries the Kiswa used to be transported from Egypt to Makkah in the "Mahmal" — a special litter at the head of a caravan, with as many as 15 camels carrying various sections of the revered garment. Specially designated families were given

to be made in Makkah for the next 13 years.

In 1358 AH (1939 CE), with the political rift healed, Egypt resumed sending the Kiswa and continued doing so until 1379 AH (1962 CE), when the Kiswa again fell victim to the vagaries of political change. King Saud then ordered the Kiswa factory in Makkah to be reopened. At its inauguration Prince Faisal, on whom this responsibility had fallen once again, declared that "The Kiswa factory should be in Makkah so that it is not affected by the moods of the rulers of the Muslim world." The factory reopened with 18 workers. Until it became able to produce a complete Kiswa, Pakistan and India each supplied a Kiswa once. Since 1962 the number of

kg of gold and silver wire. The ratio of gold to silver is 1 to 4. Quranic verses are also embroidered into the fabric itself.

The solid gold doors of the Ka'aba, engraved with Quranic verses, are set 61 1/2 feet/2m above the ground. A movable wooden canopied staircase is used to enter the Ka'aba on the rare occasions when the doors are opened.

The drapes ("Sitara") for these doors are made of four parts, each one 28 feet/7.5m long and 13 feet/4m wide. The border and drapes are embroidered with silver threads covered with gold. It takes no less than 11 months to manufacture just these two parts of the Kiswa, while the rest of the Kiswa is made in just two months. But the silver and gold embroidery of intricate Arabic calligraphy, mostly hand-made, takes much longer to complete, making it almost a year-long task.

At a special ceremony in Dhulqadah (a month before Haj) each year, the Minister of Haj and Endowment hands over the new Kiswa to the custodian of the Ka'aba — a hereditary office which has been entrusted to the same family (Al-Shaiba) since the early days of Islam. On bright sunny days the blazing Arabian sun glints off the Kiswa's lustrous gold and silver embroidery. At night the Kiswa shimmers with a soft glow in the brightly-lit open courtyard of the Grand Mosque. The effect is at once awe-inspiring and breathtaking, as well as being soothing to the eyes.

The cloth that drapes the interior of the Ka'aba is in dark green pure silk, also decorated with Quranic verses and Islamic designs. It covers the walls and the ceiling, and measures 21 feet/6.5m by 11 1/2 feet/3.5m on each face. It is hand-made by the Saudi craftsmen at the Kiswa factory at a cost of SR 7 million. This inner curtain, which before 1983 had not been changed for 50 years, was changed in that year on the orders of King Fahd.

Twice a year, in the months of Shaban and Dhulhijja, the interior of the Ka'aba is ceremonially washed with water perfumed with rose, sandalwood, and other fragrances. "Gudh" of aloe-wood, an extremely expensive incense, is



Saudi workers painstakingly embroidering the Kiswa in gold and silver.

rubbed onto its walls. The ceremonial washing of the Ka'aba is performed by the King, who is proud to be "the custodian of the two Holy Harams" (the Grand Mosque at Makkah and the Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) Mosque at Medina). Sometimes the King deputes his representative, the Governor of Makkah, to perform the ceremony on his behalf. At the second washing, a few days before Haj, the Kiswa is replaced by the new one. The

removed Kiswa is then cut into pieces and presented as mementoes to Muslim individuals and diplomats, and to favoured institutions all over the world. One particularly large and impressive piece, the "Sitara" (7 1/2 feet/2.5m wide and 29 1/2 feet/9m high) now adorns the reception hall in the delegates' lounge of the United Nations building in New York, a gift to the world body from the kingdom. It was presented on 1st January 1983 on behalf of King Fahd by His

Excellency, the Saudi Ambassador to the UN.

The Kiswa, by itself, does not hold any particular religious significance to Muslims. It should therefore be understood that the reverence in which it is held, and the magnitude of effort and cost that goes into its making and upkeep, is due solely to the desire of Muslims to ensure that it reflects the sanctity, splendour and majesty befitting the structure that it drapes — the Ka'aba, House of God.

The Kiswa is woven each year at the cost of SR 17 million. It is made of 670 kgs. of pure white silk, which is later dyed black. Intricate calligraphy is embroidered on the black silk using 120 kgs. of gold and silver wire and takes almost a year to complete.

such as "Glory Be To Allah," "There Is No God Save Allah," and "Allah Is Merciful And Loving" used to be stitched on to the Kiswa in those early days of Islam.

At one time, it had become a custom that the old Kiswa was not removed, the new one being put on top of the old. This continued until the reign of Al Mahdi, the Abbasid Khalifa. When he performed Haj in 160 AH (775 CE) he saw that the accumulated Kiswas could cause damage to the Ka'aba itself. He therefore decreed that only one Kiswa should drape the Ka'aba at any one time, and this has been observed ever since.

The colour of the Kiswa has also changed many times over the centuries. Al Mamoon — 198-218 AH (813-833 CE) — dressed the Ka'aba in a red Kiswa which he ordered to be changed three times a year. By the reign of Khalifa Al Nasir Al Abbasi — around 575 AH (1179 CE), a contemporary of Saladin the Great of Crusades fame — the colour of the Kiswa had changed to green. Khalifa Al Nasir decided to change it to black, and black it has remained to this day.

Since the times of the early Khalifas, rulers, princes, and the Muslim rich have vied with each other in donating money for the Kiswa and for improvement

the responsibility of conveying the Kiswa to Makkah. This was considered to be the honour of a lifetime. The sending of the Mahmal was regularly accompanied by much fanfare and celebration in Egypt, while its arrival in Makkah was hailed with music and joyous acclaim.

The late King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud, founder of Saudi Arabia, entered Makkah in 1343 AH (1924 CE). The music and dancing which celebrated the delivery of the Kiswa from Egypt was objected to by him and his men, who held to the pure Islamic faith and considered this an unacceptable innovation. In 1345 AH (1926 CE) this objection led to clashes with the Egyptians carrying the Mahmal in Mina — the first time a delay had ever occurred in the arrival of the Kiswa.

Next year Egypt stopped sending the Kiswa, and King Abdul Aziz founded the Holy Ka'aba Kiswa factory. He handed over responsibility for it to his son, Prince Faisal, and the Minister of Finance, Sheikh Abdullah Suleiman. Modern machinery was imported and skilled labour from India was brought in to permit the Kiswa to be made in Makkah itself. The first Kiswa in Islamic history to be made in Makkah draped the Ka'aba at the end of Dhulqadah, 1346 AH (1927 CE). The Kiswa continued

workers at the Makkah factory has increased to 240, nearly all of them Saudis. The greatest increase has taken place since King Fahad's accession to the throne. Skilled workers and superb craftsmen today work with the latest technical equipment, as well as age-old special looms and calligraphic skills, to make the Kiswa. Today the factory also manufactures special prayer rugs for the kingdom's mosques, to avoid the possibility that the wool used in imported rugs might come from unclean animals.

The Kiswa is woven each year at a cost of SR17 million. It is made of 1,475 lbs/670 kg of pure white silk, which is later dyed black. Also used are 1,590 lbs/720 kg of dye and acids of the finest quality, able to stand up to the roughest vagaries of nature.

The Kiswa is made up of 47 pieces. Each piece is 46 feet/14m long and 38 inches/95m wide, with the overall dimensions being approximately 778 square feet/650 sq m. The wide belt, 49 yards/45m long and 38 inches/95 cm wide, comprises 16 parts. The "Ikhlas Sura" from the Holy Quran is embroidered in gold on the four corners. Under the belt, all round the Kiswa, there are 16 panels with Quranic verses. Intricate calligraphy from the Holy Quran is emblazoned on the black silk, using 265 lbs/120

Kuwait's accomplishments highlighted in foreign media

EAST BERLIN, July 12 (KUNA): East German News Agency yesterday highlighted the noticeable progress in health services in Kuwait.

A report by the agency based on statistics by the United Nations Children's Fund said that Kuwait has achieved the lowest mortality rate for newborn children in the Arab and Third World.

The report clarified that 97.9 per cent of newborn children in Kuwait live to the age of 5 which is a percentage comparable to that in the European Economic Community.

It added that an important outcome of

such a positive health progress is that one third of Kuwait's 1.7 million population are children who are about to enrol in schools.

The report affirmed that these positive results in the field of health care are the gain of constant efforts by the State of Kuwait which provided its people with the best and most advanced in medical and health care.

It pointed out that citizens, expatriates and even foreign tourists are all covered under the free and equal medical care in Kuwait.

The agency said maternity care, which is

at its best in Kuwait, led to a 3.8 birth increase during 1988, noting that any 3 per cent birth increase could lead to doubling the population within 20 years.

Concluding, the report said that Kuwaiti citizens are currently 800,000 against one million expatriate labourers with their families who are mostly from Arab, North African and South Eastern Asian countries.

Meanwhile in Belgrade Kuwait's economic, cultural, scientific and medical accomplishments were spotlighted by a Yugoslav television show, describing them as the region's most advanced.

The show, titled "Leaders of the Gulf" which was a first of a series of documentary films on the non-aligned countries screened here Tuesday night, highlighted daily life in Kuwait and filmed many health, agricultural, oil and industrial installations as well as markets, museums, co-operative societies and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research.

It also carried a statement by Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa on Kuwait's stable economy, stressing that the country does not depend only on oil revenues but rather on industrial investments and agricultural development.



Butchers at the experiment.

Sheep slaughter experiment

MINISTER of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Al Rifai witnessed Tuesday evening an experiment in the slaughter of sheep sacrifices at a temporary centres specially put up by the Municipality this year. A number of sheep were slaughtered at Omariya centre to explain work procedures at the centre to citizens who want to get their sheep slaughtered on the first day of Eid Al Adha. The experiment was attended by Chairman of the Union of Co-operative Societies Ali Abu Hadida, Director of Slaughterhouses Department at Kuwait Municipality Sheikh Salem Mohammed Al Sabah and Director of Health Affairs Department at the Municipality Saad Al Mihanna as well as a number of other senior officials.

Rifai pointed out after the experiment that the Municipality has learnt from mistakes learnt last

year increased the number of temporary slaughterhouses from 10 in 1988 to 12 this year. Each slaughterhouse consists of two tents, one for slaughtering and the other as a waiting room for guests and citizens who want to get their sheep sacrifices slaughtered. The Municipality also increased the number of butchers this year apart from reducing prices of slaughtering from KD4 to KD3.500 a head.

Abu Hadida praised the co-operation between the Municipality and his union. He added that these temporary slaughterhouses were established to reduce pressure on the existing ones and also to ensure that citizens need not travel too far. He added that these temporary slaughterhouses will remain open on the first and second day of Eid.

PAAET plans to diversify education

THE director-general of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training Dr Abdul Rahman Al Muhailan has prepared a memorandum in which he said that the Authority's plan to diversify secondary education is aimed at meeting the various requirements of the national development plan.

He said that the Ministry of Education is fully aware of the need to diversify secondary education syllabus and that the Minister of Education Anwar Al-Nouri told a scientific symposium in February 1987 that there was a semi-agreement among the GCC states to diversify secondary education and provide for co-operation and co-ordination among the existing syllabi whereby to meet the requirements of society.

The central idea of educational diversification is the establishment of different educational disciplines at the secondary level within the self-same school to cater for the varying talents and inclinations of the students and in order to cultivate these talents in response to societal and development needs.

The diversification process must be monitored by the priorities of requirements in the local labour market and in compatibility with available possibilities.

The output of the process will serve as input for the various applied education and training whereby to cultivate technical professional skills for the labour market, prepare highly-qualified national cadres and contribute significantly to the national

development process in various economic, productive and other vital sectors.

The process seeks to adapt the existing educational curricula to cater to the individual and national development needs, while serving to cultivate qualified Kuwaiti workforce, ensure constant supply of technicians and related specialists for the local labour market.

It also aims to redress the population balance in the various state development plans, to insure a steady flux of national manpower into the local market, optimise societal appreciation of professional work, encouraging productivity at work, link schools to the national development scheme and enable students to cultivate their own skills and talents.

Makkah mosques serviced

ACCORDING to a recent statistical report the total number of mosques in Saudi Arabia exceeds 30,000.

The Ministry of Haj and Awkaf has assigned specialised companies to undertake cleaning, maintenance and operation of these mosques, and signed contracts for renovation, extension and the supply of certain services to existing mosques.

One of these mosques is Nimra Mosque on Mount Arafat, which the ministry has arranged for expanding it five times the original size, provided it with additional ground and suspended water tanks, extra toilets, sunshades and other services at a cost of 350 million Saudi riyals.

The mosque can accommodate 270,000 of the faithful at special extension, known as King Abdul Aziz Mera which contains a big dining hall where donated food is offered to the needy.

The mosque has also been provided with an integrated Radio and TV broadcasting system that enables satellite transmission of Friday sermon and prayers in co-operation with the Saudi Ministry of Information.

Converts

FIVE international Sudanese boxers have reportedly embraced Islam following an interview with famous former heavy-weight boxing champion Muhammad Ali Clay, whose Islamic activism has been at its peak recently.

The new Muslims told a press conference that they had embraced Islam while fully convinced that it is the best religion.

Computers not fully utilised: poll

Call for application in education

COMPUTERS are considered to be one of the most important advancements of our age. A large section of computer scientists have called this period in the history of mankind the computer age. They believe that computers are being utilised everywhere in the world and to solve various problems which we face during our daily lives. They warned that those who would like to go along with the latest advancement should at least have minimum knowledge in computers.

A number of officials and scientists in Kuwait believe that computers are being utilised everywhere in children's toys, typing data processing and scientific problems. On the other hand, others claim that a large percentage of computers in Kuwait are only used for decoration either in offices, or houses.

A local daily has invited a number of concerned officials and computer users to express their opinions on the issue.

Dr Sana' Abu Hamza from the Mathematics Department at Kuwait University said that Kuwait is one of the Arab world's foregoing countries in the field of computers. Dependence on computers has become almost comprehensive in many financial and administrative matters at ministries and government establishments, in addition to personal applications and private offices.

She pointed out that owning a computer still represents a form of luxury in Kuwaiti society. Most of those who own computers don't have the least knowledge of operations. At best, computers are used for inessential or secondary matters, like recreational and computer games.

Maintenance

Sana' added that drowning the local market with a wide variety of computer machines leads to many positive and negative results. A large number of computer marketers give buyers a wide range of choices. However, this may be accompanied by the negative side of the problem represented in the unavailability of accurate maintenance which will degrade the future value of these machines. Buyers may also face problems in grasping computer applications.

She pointed out that the fast development of computer forms another obstacles represented in not benefiting from ready commercial programmes available in the local market. She stressed that concerned parties like Kuwait Computer Society and the Scientific Club should guide training programmes on computer currently being taken over by private institutes.

To achieve real benefits from computers, specially in the educational sector, it is essential to form joint work teams among educators and computer workers in order to put up beneficial programmes in making the educational process easier, the official said.

The General Secretary of Kuwait Computer Society, Mohammed Al Kandari said that computers should be fully utilised to be able to enter the new age. He criticised the first uses of computers at ministries and government establishments, which he said was conducted through the National Computers Centre and caused delays in application plans. He added that computer applications should not be centralised and that such applications should be generalised among society members.

Training

He pointed out that Kuwait University was late in establishing computer science departments which led to a delay of knowledge among most graduates who now require training at different government and private establishments.

He added that Kuwait Computer Society aims at enhancing computer awareness among society members through co-operation with scientific parties. The main objective is to reach an adequate scientific method of training.

The Director of the Computer Department at the National Petroleum Company, Msed Al Khatrash said that failure of conducting any prior analytical studies by the purchase departments at ministries and establishments have caused a decline in the technical service levels and maintenance of computers. Many departments may suffer now from negative

consequences caused by the lack of analytical studies prior to purchasing computers.

The owner of a computer company, Engineer Asaad Al Send said that the individual computer level in the field of personal computers in Kuwait is considered one of the highest in the world.

He suggested that the trade of readymade computer packages should be given total freedom in Kuwait to facilitate obtaining them and to assist in reducing prices.

Value

The Controller of the Computer Operation Department at the National Computers and Microfilms Centre, Abdul Rahman Bobsheh said that computers, manpower and applicable systems should be allocated in a proper manner in order to fully benefit from computers.

He called upon officials to keep a close watch on local computer institutions which he said at most times aim at financial gains and not scientific value. He added that to fully achieve Arabisation in computers, a supervisory party should exist to unify efforts to avoid language problems.

The director of the Educational Techniques Centre at the General Authority for Applied Education and Training, Dr Ahmad Mohammed said that most Arab countries have never paid the least effort to teaching computers to students despite its importance. Educational computers should be exposed to three axes, the educational subject, computers as educational technique, and as an educational way of thinking.

The importance in establishing an educational scientific committee on the field of computers is imperative he said and added that most local computer institutions put more emphasis on programming while it is only a small part of computer knowledge.

Generally, educational officials have called upon teaching the new generation of students computer curricula and its application. They added that the commercial private computer institutions plays a big role in spreading computer awareness, but more emphasis should be placed on educational programmes.

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Former minister honoured at Georgetown

Role in success of Arab studies

WASHINGTON, July 12, (KUNA): Dr Hassan Al Ibrahim, former minister of education of Kuwait, received here yesterday a special medal of appreciation from Georgetown University in recognition of his services to the university and in particular his role in the success of the university's Centre for Contemporary Arab Studies (CCAS).

The Georgetown University Bicentennial Medal was presented to Ibrahim on behalf of the

university at a special ceremony here chaired by Dr Hisham Sharabi, the current director of the Centre for Contemporary Arab Studies, and attended by faculty members of the centre and a number of Arab ambassadors.

The centre, which has become one of America's top institutions on Arab and Islamic affairs, established a few years ago Sheikh Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah Chair in Contemporary Arab Studies. The first recipient of the

chair was awarded to the pan-Arab scholar Dr Hanna Batato.

The bicentennial medal has been given by Georgetown to a few selected scholars and individuals who have made a contribution to the university during its first 200 years of existence.

In accepting the award and thanking the university for honouring him with this bicentennial medal, Ibrahim noted that the original idea for the formation of

the centre had come from the former Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Salem Al Sabah, who realised the need for such a centre to inform American scholars and students about the Arab world and its heritage.

Both Ibrahim and Sharabi also lauded the role and support that the present ambassador to the US Sheikh Saud Nasir Al Sabah has played in making the centre realise its academic excellence over the last few years. Ibrahim has been associated

with the Centre for Contemporary Arab Studies since its inception in 1975. Two years ago, he became a member of the centre's 15-man advisory board.

In his acceptance speech, the Kuwaiti academic, who is a former rector of Kuwait University, lauded the high academic standards achieved by the centre and its faculty and said the institution has become a reference on the Arab world and its heritage in the US.

Support for private schools to continue

Strict control ensured

THE assistant undersecretary for private education at the Ministry of Education Dr Yagoub Al Sharrah has said that the ministry is currently considering the possibility of raising salaries of teachers operating in the private education sector, while encouraging Kuwaiti teachers to join the field.

He told a local daily that the ministry had no intention to halt its financial support to private schools, reaffirming that the existing school fees would remain as they are and that there was no plan to increase these rates.

Sharrah said that the main issue was to ensure that schools do not overcharge and that it was up to the school administration to schedule its various teaching activities and prescribed subjects.

He added that the relevant ministry authorities were bent on finding a solution to students overloaded with homework assignments and the need to carry most of their books to their classes with them.

The number of students to be ferried by the school bus was determined by the ministry in co-operation with the Ministry of Interior, and donations made by some students' parents were absolutely optional and parents are not under any obligation to make donations against their will, the official said.

He further added that tuition rates were established by a ministry decision, including related transport cost, annual subscription fee, which could be payable in four instalments, and that when a certain school charges for its uniformed students' uniform that should not be counted as overcharging for tuition.

The annual allocations set aside for private schools amounted to KD3 million, which also covered related curricular activities cost, salaries of headmasters and headmistresses, and this aid is intended for some private Arabic schools only, which explains why the unaided schools would charge full tuition rate in certain cases, Sharrah said.

Terminations made among private teachers were arranged by the school and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and all teachers were hired on annually renewable contracts, the official added.

Sharrah pointed out that any teacher who was underpaid contrary to the provisions of the contract signed could come forward

to the concerned ministry authorities and make his claims corroborated with evidence, so that proper action might be arranged for.

He said that schools had the right to refuse enrollment of students on grounds of unavailability of seats in accordance with the officially predetermined number of seats, but no school was allowed to accept students over the set rate.

Sharrah further revealed a plan by the Private Education Department to encourage Kuwaiti teachers to join in the private education sector, and said that it was part of the plan to co-ordinate with the authorities running the various applied education institutes, whereby an integrated scheme could be developed to ensure constant supply of Kuwaiti graduates for the private education sector, given that the necessary legal, administrative and financial related procedures had been accounted for.

He added that the arrangements for encouraging Kuwaitis to join the private sector in general would involve revisions in the existing labour code for citizens, in the light of the existing code for employment of Kuwaitis in the public sector, which is considered a pioneering move worthy of all attention at top level.

Sharrah pointed out that the reason for excellence among secondary education students in private schools was multifaceted. For one, students were paying money for their education which made them more committed to secure the maximum benefit they could get, particularly since beyond 90 per cent marks were required by non-Kuwaiti students as a prerequisite to enroll at the university.

Other sides of this phenomenon was the fact that private schools were in constant competition between themselves, to get as much credit as they could possibly get for graduating the highest scoring students which would eventually help attract more students to register with the school.

He said that the ministry's alternative for this practice was to authorise a number of public schools to carry out after-hours private lessons in areas believed difficult to students at very low fees to encourage students to maximise their effort at co-operating with the teachers and securing as much benefit as possible.

schools in Jabriya, Salwa, model residential quarters and other locations covered by the decision.

Sharrah said that there is a total of 51 private institutes in Kuwait, all practising on authorisation and offering educational, training and professional services at various educational levels, and in certain cases over the secondary education level administrative and commercial studies, computer science and secretarial duties are some of the courses on offer.

He added that fees collected by these institutes had not been determined by any ministry decision, the reason for that being the wide variety of subjects offered by these institutes and the difficulty encountered to fix a table of tuition rates to apply for all these institutes, particularly since most of them offered their educational programmes at varying lengths and so the related training courses.

Sharrah also said that the time variance, type of educational programme and degree of specialisation associated with these programmes made it rather difficult to set a unified scale of fee rates for all these institutes.

Control Sharrah stressed the fact that the Control department's main role in connection with these institutes was to exercise financial, professional and educational control on them, while ensuring that no private lessons were offered for the same subjects covered by the ministry's public curricular programme at these institutes. This would be in violation since the basic role of the institute is conducting training courses in areas with practical applications, the official said.

He added among the reasons for which the ministry banned private lessons in the same curricular programme prescribed for public schools was the fact that such lessons would have to be conducted by teachers working at public schools. Also since these teachers would have to work nights at these institutes it would reduce the teacher's freshness and preparedness for the next working day.

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FLASSIK undertakes welfare projects

THE regular jail visit made by the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait in co-ordination with the Overseas Worker Welfare Administration based at the Philippine embassy took on a lighter note recently as FLASSIK officers brought with them specially prepared Filipino food for 3 detainees who were commemorating their birthday.

Small tokens were also presented to the celebrants who shared the food with other detainees in the cell. Some of the dishes were among those presented to the organisers of a congratulatory cum farewell party for Ambassador-designate to the United Arab Emirates Fortunato D. Obiena who will soon be leaving Kuwait to assume his post in a neighbouring oil-state. The Filipino community in Kuwait is saddened by Ambassador Obiena's assignment to another diplomatic mission. He has always encouraged the civic organisations in Kuwait to look after the indigent workers here and gave his support to many welfare projects instituted by the Filipino community. He lauded FLASSIK's regular jail visits and instructed that the sumptuous dishes be shared with the inmates of Dahiya Abdullah Al Salem police station.

Funds Meanwhile, funds for the family of the late Maria Lanie C. Oronan continue to pour in as the Filipino community shares the grief her family experiences at Maria Lanie's tragic death from injuries bestowed by her employer. The remains of the deceased are slated to be flown to the Philippines as soon as the legal formalities regarding the shipment are over. The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration through the Philippine embassy will shoulder the cost of the airlift.

In a related development, Marilyn Manuel-Inductivo, FLASSIK secretary returned back to Kuwait from her annual leave recently. It should be remembered that she escorted domestic helper Mariou Aquino who fractured both ankles after she jumped from her employer's 4th floor flat to escape her employer's wrath. Mariou escorted Mariou Aquino to her family in Nueva Viscaya Philippines. There were 2 other domestic helpers on the same flight with Inductivo who were going home under unhappy circumstances. She also contacted their families for them and even sheltered them in her home in Quezon City while waiting for their family to fetch them.

If you have any free time, why not join FLASSIK's welfare activities? These projects allow you to share a little of the bounties you have to less fortunate Filipinos here.

Army morale high: Nawaf

KUWAIT, July 12, (KUNA): Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad has said that the Kuwaiti Army is always in high morale to repulse any aggression and keen to upgrade its combat capabilities through continued training.

In an interview with "Al Majalis Magazine" the defence minister added that Kuwait is always seeking to develop its Army whether in war or in peace, just like all other Armies do.

Responding to a question that arms deals concluded by Arab countries were subject to a political decision rather than a military one, Sheikh Nawaf said that the military decision is inseparable from political decision and each state has its own strategy to upgrade its armed forces according to its need.

Regarding the military co-ordination between the Arab Gulf states, Sheikh Nawaf said that this co-operation and co-ordination had gained the Gulf leaders' concern, saying it reached a satisfactory stage within the framework of the GCC co-ordination and the joint manoeuvres of Daras Al Jazirah which he described as a good example of that co-ordination.

The Kuwaiti defence minister said that Arab contacts and exchange of visits were aimed at boosting co-operation in various fields.



FLASSIK Secretary Mariou Inductivo (second left) and directors Cely Cayaba and Tess Balderas with Dahiya Abdullah Salem police officer at the jail visit.



Even in jail, birthdays can be celebrated. During FLASSIK's visit, that is.



Prominent businessman — Lawyer Sarfaraz Khan Durrani presents a donation for Maria Lanie Oronan to the FLASSIK president.

IDB sheep sacrifice project

Over 500,000 for poor nations

OVER 500,000 sacrifices (heads of sheep) will be shipped from Saudi Arabia to about 25 Arab, African and Asian countries, in a project that has its beginnings six years ago. The Islamic Development Bank in co-operation with the government of Saudi Arabia is collecting the sacrifices of pilgrims and donating it to poor countries. Each Muslim pilgrim is required to slaughter at least one sheep on the Eid (Thursday this year) in the holy city of Makkah. The total number of pilgrims this year was estimated at over 1.5 million.

Facilities

In accordance with the new facilities to pilgrims, they pay the price of the sheep to a number of charitable organisations, supervised by the bank and then the amounts are used to buy the sheep and later distributed to poor people. So far, the bank has bought 300,000 heads of sheep, according to director of information and marketing at the Islamic

Research and Training Centre, Mohammad Ali Musli. He added that the plan for this year is to benefit from 500,000 sacrifices for distribution.

Recruitment

The Islamic Development Bank has recruited over 300 veterinary doctors, 5,100 butchers, 2,000 helpers and 1,900 workers for the project. A special slaughter house for the purpose was established by the Saudi government to slaughter sacrifices on behalf of the pilgrims. Over 224 engineers and technicians in addition to 1,000 workers will supervise the slaughterhouse. About 1,000 employees from the banks and other volunteers, assisted by the government agencies will collect the prices of sacrifices from the pilgrims.

Musli said that the bank will cover the deficit in the project for this year, estimated at 5 million Saudi riyals. Last year, the bank paid 7 million Saudi riyals to cover the deficit in the project. Last year about 334,000 sacrifices were distributed to 22 countries.

Harsher penalties for traffic violators

THE assistant director of traffic department at Capital Governorate Lt. Colonel Abdul Rahman Al Shatti has said that new traffic fines will be applied from the beginning of August. He added that drivers who do not give way to cars at the roundabouts will be fined KD5. The traffic department will start applying the fines at the Sheraton roundabout, he said. The roundabout is one of the most crowded ones because six roads lead to it. Shatti said that the department will close Al Sour Street, that leads from the TV building to the Sheraton roundabout during July, in the morning hours only.

He said drivers should stop at the "STOP" signs before entering the roundabout and give way to cars coming from the left. The driver can enter the roundabout if the first or second lane is free but he should signal if he wants to enter or go out of the roundabout. The same rule applies at junctions that lead to main roads.

Shatti said he was against the proposal to remove roundabouts and replace them with traffic signals. He added that there is no need to remove the Sheraton roundabout because of the easy flow of traffic there. He added that the removal of Sabah roundabout and its replacement with a traffic signal near Green Belt Garden (Fazan Al Akhdar) at the cross-road of Istiqbal Street and the 1st Ring Road has caused traffic congestions. He added that this traffic signal is a temporary one until a tunnel and flyover are built in the area. He added that relevant authorities have a project to build the longest flyover in Kuwait from the Sheraton roundabout to the Sulaybiyah roundabout at the 4th Ring Road. Another similar project will be built along Fahd Al Salem Street. The latter will be used for cars while the road underneath will only be used for pedestrians. The department also intends to reduce the number of roads that lead to Kuwait City at the Sheraton roundabout by allocating three roads to enter and another three roads to go out of the city, he said.

Commenting on the traffic situation on the Gulf Road, he said that drivers still do not know the speed limits at this road. The speed limit is 80 k/h at Raas Al Salmiya and 45 k/h at Seif Palace. Commenting on the increase in speed limits at the motorways, from 120 to 140 k/h, he said that drivers will be fined for over speeding. Commenting on the wheel-locks used by traffic policemen, he said that the General Traffic Administration has imported new type of wheel-locks. Strict orders have been given to policemen to use them against violators who park their cars at prohibited places, he said.

923,187 air passengers last month

THE director of Public Relations and Information Department at the Directorate General for Civil Aviation Bader Issa Matar has said that the total number of passengers using regular and additional flights during June this year was 923,187, which shows an increase of 4 per cent over figures recorded during the same month last year.

He told a local daily yesterday that passengers arriving in Kuwait were 850,106, with 10 per cent increase as compared to last year. Regular flights made during the same month were 2,158, 4 per cent less than last year, and the total number of regular and additional flights was 2,560, which is one per cent lower than last year.

Matar said that a total of 4,088,149 kilograms of cargo were shipped during June, which is two per cent less than the quantity shipped by regular and additional air-freighters last year.

Mobilise information, says Sheikh Jaber

KUWAIT, July 12, (KUNA): Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah has called for mobilising Arab information in a well studied plan to unify Arab opinion.

Sheikh Jaber, in an interview with a local Kuwaiti daily during his recent visit to Cairo, said that he conveyed to President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, HH the Amir's message of appreciation and love that emphasises the deep fraternal relations between the two countries.

He affirmed that Kuwait's Egyptian contacts were never suspended based on HH the Amir's conviction of "Egypt's pioneering role."

The minister said that Kuwait's main challenge is the creation of a civilised state that believes in justice, security and stability and added that Kuwait's foreign policy is based on mutual respect among all world countries big or small, poor or rich.

Sheikh Jaber said that information is an important factor of Arab strength that boosts the Arab nation's preparedness in face of enemies to Islam and Arabism.

The Information Ministry welcomes the idea of a union for Gulf journalists, the minister said and added that his ministry even intends to invite journalists in the Gulf Co-operation Council countries for a meeting preceding the GCC information ministers conference.

The minister expressed the opinion that presence of more than one Gulf News Agency was beneficial to the area's press, arguing that a unified news agency would limit sources and styles of the news.

Sheikh Jaber noted that his ministry was keen on maintaining model co-operation with the local dailies, pointing out that presence of the censor in each paper was a system "which we accepted for mutual co-operation between the newspapers and the Information Ministry."

Aid fire-fighters, requests official

KUWAIT has 32 fire centres distributed at all areas and nearly 2,000 trained and qualified officers and individuals work at these centres, according to Shaker Al Ameer of the General Fire Department.

He stated that residents should notify the department of any accident or fire by dialling the numbers 100 or 105. Residents should give their full names, a clear address of the place of the accident and a brief description of the fire to make it easier on fire men to know the type of fire they will be encountering and the equipment required.

Warning Ameer added that some of the important government buildings like hospitals and banks are usually provided with small fire warning devices. In case of fire residents should break through the glass and press a button sending a message to the specific fire unit. He added that residents may also use fire extinguishers at buildings until firemen arrive at the place of fire.

Due to a lack of awareness some fire extinguishers are sometimes vandalised, Ameer said.

On the subject of teaching first aid at schools, Ameer said that a first aid curriculum has been adopted in the new five year plan and will be taught at state schools.

In case of false alarms, Ameer said that the department usually traces the telephone number of the caller even though calls were made through public phones or a car phone. He added that the General Fire Department receives many false alarms which are investigated by the police.

Increase in salaries for teachers proposed

THE Dean of the Faculty of Education in Kuwait Dr Abdul Rahman Al Ahmad has proposed higher pay and better contract terms for teachers as a remedy for the poor social status they have among professionals in Kuwait.

The lack of regard for teachers threatens educational standards he said in an article published in the faculty's in-house magazine. He pointed out that the poor image teachers have is largely due to inadequate financial reward for their work. Throughout the Arab world education colleges attract students with poor grades in secondary schools, he said. Colleges of education fail to attract outstanding students because teachers are poorly paid, he added.

He called on the authorities to enhance the teachers position in the society by improving their pay, retirement terms and compensation in case of accidents resulting in disability. He insisted that the public should be better instructed about the role of the teacher in the upbringing of new generations.

Meanwhile, a study by Dr Mihani Ghunayem of the faculty of education showed that the Kuwaiti government spent KD500,000 between 1981 and 1986 on primary school drop-outs. The drop-out rate at primary school level is 6 per cent for boys and 6.6 per cent for girls. Ghunayem urged parents and authorities to make sure that drop-outs return to school and be allowed to repeat the school year after failing the exams.

Zoo timings during Eid OMARIYA Zoo's work hours during the first day of Eid Al Adha (Thursday) will be from 2.00 to 6.30 pm while it will open from 9.00 am to 6.30 pm on Wednesday (Arafat Day) and other days of Eid, the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth said.

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Thought for today

ONE doesn't need to be a cook to criticize the cooking
— Samuel Johnson, English writer (1709-1784).

Fresh offensive

Kabul seeks rebel hearts

AFGHAN President Najibullah has launched a fresh offensive in his campaign for the hearts and minds of mujahideen rebels fighting to overthrow him.

"I extend my hand of Afghan friendship and Islamic brotherhood to co-operate for peace," he told rebel commanders in a speech broadcast on Kabul Radio on Monday.

Najibullah offered the rebels a four-day ceasefire from last night and also offered to release any imprisoned followers of rebel leaders who came over to the government.

He said it was time all warring sides forgave each other and sat down to negotiate.

He has already enticed rebels, who have been fighting for a decade against his pro-Soviet government, by offering a tax moratorium, land, political power and the right to keep their guns.

But rebel leaders based in Pakistan flatly rejected the ceasefire offer and Washington, the main supplier of arms and other assistance to the mujahideen, is reported to have promised them major new weapons supplies.

The state-run Bakhtar news agency said 6,540 rebels had come over to the government in the northern provinces of Fariab and Balkh in the last week, although this could not be independently confirmed.

The Soviet Ambassador to Kabul, Yuri Vorontsov, has told reporters there is no more fighting in three-quarters of Afghanistan.

US and other Western officials had predicted the mujahideen would swiftly overthrow the Kabul government after Soviet troops withdrew last February but Najibullah's position has looked increasingly strong with the passing months.

Diplomats say he recognises he is as unlikely as any Afghan leader in history to achieve tight control over the provinces and should make deals with rebel commanders.

Former rulers, not to mention Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan, the British and most recently the Soviets, have learned bitter lessons about how little the fiercely independent Afghans in the countryside like being told what to do.

Najibullah, in trying to win the support of local rebel commanders, is competing with the United States, Pakistan and leaders of the seven main Pakistan-based rebel groups.

Mohammad Nabi Mohammadi, defence minister in a rebel government, said on Monday Washington had pledged fresh arms shipments after a lull of several months.

There are conflicting reports among diplomats and foreign military experts in Kabul about the flow of American arms, with some describing a big increase in recent months and others saying the supply has slowed down.

Some say Washington has started dealing directly with rebel field commanders in Afghanistan, bypassing mujahideen leaders in Pakistan.

They say some US arms have been channelled to local rebels because Washington was fed up with mismanagement and chronic "leakage" along the weapons pipeline via the Pakistani military and mujahideen leaders.

These "leaks" have got so out of hand in the past that US Stinger missiles originally destined for the mujahideen were sold for use in the Iran-Iraq war.

The mujahideen have fared poorly on the battlefield against Afghan troops, failing in their objective this spring to take the eastern city of Jalalabad, where they had wanted to set up their rebel government.

Diplomats say the Americans also wanted to deal more closely with mujahideen commanders to boost the mujahideen's poor military standing and put them in a position of strength from which they may eventually negotiate with Najibullah. (Reuters-Kabul)

Quote me

"Elvis is only entitled to a day's pay for a day's work since he didn't show up because he was dead, the ticket holders have first claims." — Edward O'Brien, attorney for Nassau County said on whether the proceeds from unfilled tickets belong to the singer's estate?

"I have always been struck by his absolute uncompromising nature." — Sergei Yefimov, editor of Soviet magazine Novy Mir said about Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who wrote on Stalin's labour camps.

"The dictatorial regime can destroy a statue, but not a vast movement for freedom." — Wu'er Kaixi, a Chinese student leader said to reporters during a ceremony in Paris.

"Let the Soviet leaders know they have everything to gain, and nothing to lose or fear, from peaceful change. We can work together, and I am determined we will, to move beyond containment, beyond the cold war." — US President George Bush said during a visit to Hungary.

"He snapped when one of his best friends was shot in the spine and paralysed during the intifada. ... Hunger, pressure and Israeli terrorism pushed him to express what was in his heart." — A friend explaining the actions of a Palestinian who grabbed the steering wheel of a bus which crashed last week in Israel killing 14 people.

"I am far from sure when I am acting. For what is good acting but convincing lying?" — Laurence Olivier.

"It would be naive to think that what happened to the leadership does not cause us concern." — Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov said to the journalists.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1558 — Flemish army under Duke of Egmont in service of Spain's King Philip II, aided by English fleet, defeats French at Gravelines.

1648 — French take Tortosa in Italy.

1793 — French revolutionary Jean Marat is murdered by Charlotte Corday.

1822 — Greeks defeat Turks at Thermopylae Pass in Greece.

1841 — Major powers, by Convention of the Straits, guarantee Ottoman independence, and the Dardanelles and Bosphorus are closed to warships of all nations in peacetime.

1854 — Abbas I, viceroy of Egypt, is murdered, and is succeeded by Mohammed Said.

1878 — Russo-Turkish war ends.

1911 — Britain and Japan renew their alliance for four years.

1919 — First dirigible to cross Atlantic Ocean, Britain's 4-34, completes its round trip.

1963 — Chinese accuse United States of trying to poison relations between Peking and Moscow.

1971 — Firing squads in Morocco execute 10 army officers accused of trying to overthrow King Hassan.

1976 — Twelve nations conclude meeting in Paris on exploitation of minerals in Antarctica after 1989.

1986 — Two Muslims are burned alive by Hindus at main government hospital in India's Gujarat state on fifth day of Hindu-Muslim riots.

1987 — Two Iranian gunboats attack French container ship in the Gulf off Saudi Arabia, and Iraq says its warplanes made retaliatory raids.

1988 — Negotiations to end South Africa's rule over South-West Africa, or Namibia, enter their final day.

Glasnost fomenters discontent

Bush, Gorbachev 'on the same wave-length'

THERE is little doubt that President George Bush would indeed like Mikhail Gorbachev to succeed with his internal reforms, perestroika and glasnost. The Soviet leader has given quite unexpected momentum to arms control negotiations, he has loosened the Soviet Union's hold over Eastern Europe and he has gone a long way toward indicating that his Eastern European allies "have the right to follow their own political line, strategy and tactics, without any outside interference," as it was put in the communiqué issued after the Warsaw Pact meeting in Bucharest last week. It seems to mean that interventions such as the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia of 1968 are now excluded. Whether he would actually tolerate a non-Communist government in Eastern Europe is not clear, but the situation in Poland has gone surprisingly far in that direction. He does not seem to mind a "social-democratic" government but whether he sees this as the equivalent of a communist government remains to be seen. And in calling for a "common European home" that would include the United States, he seems to be groping for an international-political structure of Europe that is acceptable to Washington.

Frank

Under those circumstances it is not surprising that President Bush characterised his relationship to Gorbachev as being "on the same wave-length." It also explains why he says that he would like him to succeed. Still, he has been careful to point out that in his view the time for a summit meeting with the Soviet leader has not yet arrived. He would like to wait until some of the major new initiatives have led to concrete results. He does not want a summit meeting that is nothing more than a public relations exercise. He realises that public relations is Gorbachev's strong suite and a summit under those circumstances would give him the edge since he himself

is a rather shy, modest and undemonstrative personality. He also wants the focus of Gorbachev's problems shifted from the international scene to economic ones. It is not international agreements but success on the economic domestic front that will decide Gorbachev's political longevity.

Unusually frank admissions by leading Soviet economists, including those advising Gorbachev, have confirmed that perestroika is faltering and peoples' living standards have been falling rather than improving. Several key aspects of perestroika had to be abandoned. The key to economic reform, for instance, basic changes in the pricing structure, had to be postponed for some three years. Moreover there is a growing feeling of helplessness in the face of the setbacks perestroika has suffered without anybody providing any easy remedies.

Freedom

Among the dissatisfied public there is, according to widespread reports, a growing feeling that Gorbachev is much more interested in playing the statesman abroad than the reformer at home. There is open criticism that he is spending an inordinate amount of time in meetings with foreign statesmen rather than in discussions with his own experts of how to cope with the economic crisis. Clearly, his forays abroad which have given him so much stature in the world, are not strengthening his political power at home. In fact, there are fewer consumer goods and less food available today than were five years ago.

These developments have begun to cast some doubts about Gorbachev's future. Broadly speaking, his many new initiatives are accepted here as meaningful and real. But for the first time some serious skepticism is creeping into American assessments about his political durability. He has introduced so many new trends and allowed so much fresh air to replace stale concepts that it is not easy for those having to deal with the consequences

of his reforms to accept them and to carry them out. The Soviet bureaucracy is slow, indolent and mired in its old ways. It may even want to resist Gorbachev's trenchant new approaches to old problems.

Unused to so much freedom and to so many new processes the whole of Eastern Europe is in a kind of confusion if not turmoil. Reading between the lines of the communiqué of the recent Warsaw Pact conference, one can sense a certain uneasiness about the new directions. It speaks, for instance, of the need for a "stable and secure" political change in Eastern Europe, an obvious hint that political change be handled with restraint.

Most probably many of the changes Gorbachev has introduced are the result of his recognition that unless the Soviet Union reduces its responsibilities in Eastern Europe and elsewhere abroad and unless it cuts its defence budget drastically, it could suffer the kind of crisis that would deprive it of its super-power position. He is therefore only too glad to see the West provide economic help to countries like Poland and Hungary and let it cope with their miseries. It is hard to see how Western aid can improve the lives, especially of the Poles, who are particularly poor. Gorbachev may indeed hope, that it may take some of the shine off the aura of the West as the saviour of Eastern Europe.

Whether Gorbachev's drastic reforms and budgetary cuts can improve the Soviet Union's economic state is quite uncertain. The fact that the Soviets themselves admit their setbacks and that the Soviet public feels less well off than it was five years ago, has injected new caution and greater doubts about Gorbachev's future in the Bush administration's assessments. However much it wants the Soviet leader to succeed, no one here believes that foreign assistance could turn the tide, for the economic uncertainties make it only less likely that foreign companies will want to risk their money by investing in the Soviet Union. Gorbachev's future therefore hangs on the success of perestroika.

Italian politics entering new era

SIX months ago, Ciriaco de Mita was Italy's most powerful politician, controlling not only the government but an enormous network of patronage.

Now his freedom is in ruins, systematically dismantled by a formidable alliance of faction bosses in his own Christian Democrat Party and Socialist leader Bettino Craxi, his biggest political foe.

De Mita, 61, has suffered a rapid and disastrous decline that marks the end of an era in Italian politics, losing first the leadership of the dominant Christian Democrat Party (DC), then the prime minister's job and finally any chance of getting it back.

And by helping to sweep aside De Mita after a bitter seven-year duel, Craxi has notched up a new victory in a process that has already made him Italy's effective power broker.

De Mita's final defeat came last week when he reluctantly abandoned a three-week bid to resuscitate the five-party government he led for 13 months until Craxi brought it down on May 19.

In a neat irony, President Francesco Cossiga replaced him as prime minister designate with veteran politician Giulio Andreotti, 70, De Mita's biggest party enemy, who had openly plotted his downfall.

The severe government crisis, which had worsened relations between the squabbling parties in the outgoing coalition, undermined Cossiga's authority and defied all attempts to overcome it for seven weeks, suddenly seems on the point of solution.

Obstacles thrown in De Mita's path as he tried to form a new government have disappeared overnight.

Political analysts said the truth seems to be that the crisis, despite its damaging effect on Italy's economy, was merely being used by De Mita's enemies to dump a man considered to have outlived his usefulness for the DC.

The seven-week crisis has effectively paralysed efforts promoted by De Mita to combat Italy's biggest economic problem — a massive public debt fuelled by years of government overspending.

De Mita, an unsmiling, uncharismatic lawyer from near Naples, was made DC leader in 1982 to resist a damaging advance by Craxi and to clean up the party's image, tarnished by alleged association with southern gangsters and shady financial operators.

His removal is a revenge by hostile party factions but also appears to mark a decision by the DC to co-operate more with Craxi instead of confronting him aggressively.

De Mita swept aside the old guard after he took over the party and appointed his own men to key posts, including the influential state economic jobs that are in the gift of a DC leader, considered Italy's



Ciriaco de Mita: in a disastrous decline that marked the end of an era in Italian politics, he lost the leadership of the party, the prime minister's job and finally, last week, any chance of getting it back.

most powerful politician. He made many enemies, especially old guard politicians like Andreotti, five times prime minister and a member of Parliament since 1945.

At the same time De Mita's relations worsened with Craxi, who disliked him personally and was nervous of his overtures towards the powerful opposition communists.

Craxi wants to usurp the Communists, Italy's second biggest party, for leadership of a left-wing alliance capable of ending four decades of DC power.

But an alliance, unlikely though it may seem between DC and Communists would leave Craxi completely out in the cold.

De Mita's first big setback was something that in most countries would be considered a peak of achievement. He was pushed reluctantly into the prime minister's job in April 1988.

This put him out on a limb and made him vulnerable to attacks from party barons who said the DC

leadership and the premiership should not be concentrated in the hands of one man.

De Mita was still able to keep the Communist card up his sleeve until he pushed through an important reform last year ending most secret voting in Parliament.

This upset the Communists, who had in the past benefited from disgruntled government deputies frequently voting secretly with the opposition.

At the same time, Communist leader Achille Occhetto, seeking to revive his declining party, apparently decided that flirting with the DC was not good for the Communists' image.

In February this year party barons including Andreotti and powerful Interior Minister Antonio Gava finally moved in for the kill, toppling De Mita from the DC leadership, and cutting away his real power base.

They replaced him with another member of the old guard, urbane former prime minister Arnaldo Forlani. (Reuters-Rome)

Filipino justice system clogged

AFTER 11 years in jail, Carlito Caparas still doesn't know if he will be convicted or acquitted.

A first-year college student when he was jailed, Caparas, now 34, is among thousands of Filipinos who wait for years behind bars for their cases to end in a judiciary system bogged down by inefficiency, lack of funds and corruption. The government has started new programmes to fight the inefficiency, including fining or withholding pay to justice officials who tarry over cases, but authorities say it will still take a long time to fix the system.

Government statistics show that of the more than 15,000 people in jail throughout the country in 1988, only 10 per cent had received final verdicts of guilty. The rest, apparently unable to post bail, were awaiting trial or appeals.

The delays brought a backlog by the end of 1988 of more than 300,000 cases before the country's nearly 2,000 courts. Supreme Court records show. The figure does not include more than 9,500 cases pending before the Supreme Court.

About 350,000 cases reach the courts each year, many of them likely to drag on for 10 years or more because of the practice of "piecemeal proceedings." When trial sessions take place at all, they often last an hour or two and then are adjourned for weeks or months.

In an interview at the Manila City Jail, where 1,876 prisoners are crammed into filthy cells that flood during heavy rains, Caparas said his troubles began in 1978.

As part of his fraternity initiation, he played host to his "masters," who brought a woman to his house for sex. He claimed the woman had sex with two fraternity brothers and was a veteran of such "games."

Several weeks later, he was arrested and jailed for rape charges. But it was not until 1982 that his trial began, Caparas said. At least five judges handled the case before a fire at the Manila City Hall destroyed court records in 1984.

After a five-year break, Caparas was summoned to court in April. But officials told the judge the doctor who examined the alleged victim had died, the arresting officer had disappeared and the complainant had emigrated to Canada.

Instead of dismissing the charge, the judge postponed the hearing.

"Isn't there a law that requires me to be set free?" Caparas asked. "Perhaps I have already served what would have been my sentence."

Officials say the judicial chaos contributes to disrespect for the law and fuels the country's 20-year-old communist insurgency.

Among the system's harshest critics is President Corason Aquino, still waiting to obtain justice for the 1983 assassination of her husband, Benigno. The retrial of 37 defendants began in April 1987 but drags on.

In a speech last year, Aquino described the criminal justice system under her ousted predecessor, Ferdinand Marcos, as "a joke."

But more than three years after Marcos' ouster, officials acknowledge little has changed.

"It behooves me to express to you the growing concern of our people over the deterioration of the image, not to say the substance, of Philippine justice," Aquino said during last month's 88th anniversary of the Supreme Court.

"The greatest peril we face is not in the economy nor from any external threat, but in the disenchantment of a people with their own society when that society denies them justice."

Under Aquino, the judiciary has regained its independence. New judges were appointed after Marcos' ouster in 1986, but reports of corruption among members of the bench persist.

"Like any organisation, we have our own share of misfits, dishonest persons," said Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan. "We try our best to weed them out as fast as we can, but there are still a few rascals left who are giving the entire judiciary a bad name."

Fernan blames most of the problems on widespread abuses that went unchecked or were abetted by Marcos, who was known to have manipulated trials of his critics.

Police and prosecutorial skills grew dull, too, under Marcos because often they were simply used to fabricate charges against the administration foes.

Robberies and murders, including those committed by communist rebels against soldiers and police, are reported almost daily in the capital. Many are never solved. Although the government frequently announces crackdowns on graft, no major prosecution has taken place.

Cicero Campos, chairman of the National Police Commission, said most people work under Marcos — either an admission or a confession, "regardless of the means."

Police statistics show that the solution rate of crimes nationwide was 67.3 per cent in 1988, an improvement over the previous year's 60.3 per cent and 56.8 per cent in 1986. But only 57 per cent of murders were solved last year, an increase from 30.5 per cent in 1986. (AP-Manila)

Tea party puts Mandela's reputation at risk

JAILED black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela gambled his political reputation last week on a 45-minute tea party with white Afrikaaner President P. W. Botha.

The encounter in Cape Town's Tuynhuys, headquarters of South Africa's white rulers for almost 300 years, could signal a major change in the hostile relationship between the government and Mandela's outlawed African National Congress (ANC).

Mandela, 71 next Tuesday, stands to lose the reverence of his vast black following and the basis of his political power if his conciliatory gesture backfires.

Both, 73, due to retire after a September 6 election, could be throwing away votes for his

white National Party facing its strongest challenger since it came to power in 1948.

Botha's action has been condemned by the far-right Conservative Party, which wants Mandela kept in jail for life.

Some members of Botha's own party speculate privately that the invitation to Mandela had more to do with his anger at heir-apparent F. W. de Klerk, who beat him in a leadership tussle, than with South Africa's political future.

"I am not sure President Botha realises what he has done," said one Afrikaaner academic.

"There is no way he or his successor can turn the clock back after this. I hope it was done only to embarrass De Klerk. It has created a momentum that

someone is going to have to maintain," the analyst said.

Though still outlawed, the ANC has now tacitly been recognised as a legitimate party to the resolution of South Africa's political problems and Mandela's status among most whites has been transformed from saboteur to statesman.

Veteran anti-apartheid activist Nthato Motlana said the meeting meant nothing in isolation, but could be part of a pattern of events, including shifts in the ANC's stance, that might break the logjam in South African politics.

"I'm not sure that this meeting signals a sea change, but there is definitely something going on when the government ceases to

demonise the man and invites him to tea," said Motlana.

"Nevertheless, we are very uneasy about it," he said after a meeting with Mandela's family and black community leaders in Soweto. "If Mandela agreed to meet Botha he must have seen something in it. If we don't see it, we must not disown him."

"But it could be very embarrassing if people get the impression that the state is using Mandela in a way that would not be to the advantage of all of us."

David Welsh, a white academic who visited ANC headquarters in Lusaka last week, said he believed the government and the organisation could be grooming Mandela for a crucial mediating role.

His suggestion supported

government sources who say Justice Minister Kibice Coetsee has been meeting Mandela regularly for over a year for talks which both agreed to keep confidential.

"It is inconceivable that they could not leave Mandela in prison indefinitely. The bad press that would follow for South Africa would be overwhelming," Welsh said.

"One whisper doing the rounds is that South Africa, the ANC and Mandela himself have agreed he should serve as a figure of reconciliation; someone who can talk to all sides and bring them together," he added.

Welsh said the ANC appeared eager to shed its image as a guerrilla movement capable of bloody attacks on civilian targets

inside the country it seeks to liberate.

"My own sense is that the ANC is fairly eager to negotiate. If there were to be any indication from the South African government of a softening of the traditional demonisation of the ANC, I think the movement might offer a warm response," he said.

Welsh said the ANC had shifted away from full dependence on the East bloc and was increasingly willing to appear moderate and reasonable to Western governments.

The next step for South Africa will depend on whether the government is equally willing to alter its traditionally tough position against the ANC. (Reuters-Cape Town)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Economy is roaring

Uno seeks to repair reputation at summit

TOKYO, July 12, (Reuter): Prime Minister Soudou Uno sets off for the Paris economic summit today hoping for better luck abroad than he's had at home.

Shaken by allegations of his involvement in a string of sex scandals, Uno wants to shift the spotlight from his domestic troubles to his position as leader of one of the world's richest nations.

"He hopes he can repair his damaged reputation to some extent," said one Japanese official, who asked not to be identified.

The former foreign minister will carry two plans to the summit on Third World development and protection of the environment.

"The more we face domestic political difficulties, the more it is necessary for Japan to demonstrate clearly the continuity and consistency of Japan's external policies," a Foreign Ministry official said.

Tokyo intends to do that by extending its 2-1/2-year-old plan

to recycle its trade surplus back to the Third World and by significantly increasing its spending on the environment.

It announced yesterday that it will more than double the cash it is recycling from its huge trade surpluses into aid for needy countries and spend some of the \$65 billion cash on a US scheme to ease Third World debt.

"I sincerely hope the Japan's expanded capital recycling programme will further contribute to ease the socio-economic difficulties of the developing countries," Uno said.

He is also expected to unveil a 300 billion yen (\$2.1 billion) programme at the summit to help protect the environment, Japanese media reported. Much of that will go on helping to save the world's tropical forests.

Critics have attacked Japan's policies as contributing to the destruction of tropical forests.

A senior government official acknowledged that helping the Third World with increased aid is one thing, but taking tough

measures to overhaul Japan's protected economy is another.

With an eye on key parliamentary elections on July 23, the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) has already overruled a proposal by Agriculture Ministry officials for a cut in the price the government pays farmers for rice.

US President George Bush has singled out agricultural protectionism as one subject he'd like discussed by leaders of the summit countries — Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the United States and West Germany.

That's bad news for the LDP which has seen its bedrock support among farmers eroded by opening domestic markets to agricultural imports under pressure from the United States.

The LDP is widely expected to lose its majority in the upper house for the first time in 34 years in the elections. Political analysts predict Uno, 66, will probably step down soon after the poll.

Uno took office at the start of

June after Noboru Takeshita resigned over the Recruit bribery scandal.

The scandal, combined with introduction of a controversial sales tax, sent the LDP's popularity plummeting.

Bush has also pressed for talks with Japan on so-called structural barriers to trade, including the country's byzantine distribution system of small shops that Washington says hinders imports.

Uno is expected to agree to that in talks with Bush before the summit. But he is also likely to criticise the United States for its decision to single out Japan for unfair trade practices.

Washington has also signalled that it will press Japan for assurances that its domestic demand will remain strong.

On that score, Japanese officials said, there is little to worry about. Despite the political turmoil, Japan's economy is roaring ahead and looks likely to perform better than expected.



Prime Minister Soudou Uno waves to well-wishers as he boards a special plane in Tokyo yesterday to take part in the Paris Summit, as his wife Chiyo peers from his side. (Reuter wirephoto)

Debtors seek help from G-7

Debt action urged

PARIS, July 12, (Reuter): Leaders of poor and indebted nations, gathering in Paris today to honour the French Revolution, hope the heady spirit of 1789 will infuse a summit of the world's seven wealthiest powers.

The bicentenary celebrations and the Group of Seven summit, staged simultaneously at French President Francois Mitterrand's personal request, will turn Paris into a diplomatic epicentre for the next four days.

At least 30 leaders were expected in the heavily-policed French capital and many from Africa, Asia and Latin America were clearly bent on pushing the Third World debt crisis to the top of the agenda.

The presidents of Mexico and Brazil, the top Third World debtors, planned a tete-a-tete tonight signalling the will to extract maximum relief from the G-7 summit.

Julius Nyerere, Tanzania's founding father and for many a spokesman of the world's dispossessed, appealed in stark terms for action on the \$1.3 trillion

Third World debt burden.

"Bread is being taken from poor of the South and millions of children are being allowed to die or go naked in order to balance the books of the bankers," he said in an open letter to G-7 members France, Japan, the United States, West Germany, Britain, Italy and Canada.

The three-day annual summit opens on July 14 as the bicentenary festivities reach their apogee with a stunning musical parade down the Champs Elysees.

American Soprano Jessye Norman will sing the revolutionary anthem La Marseillaise recalling the day 200 years ago when a poor mob — the "Sans-Culottes" — who could not afford noble breeches — stormed the Bastille prison, heralding the end of monarchical rule.

Socialist Mitterrand adopted the unofficial title of "Third World advocate" when he was first elected in 1981. He has encouraged other summit partners to make debt and priority in talks which will also cover monetary policy and the environment.

But he has been stung in the past week by accusations from the French left that his notion of starting the right man's summit on Bastille day was an insult to the modern world's Sans-Culottes.

Critics noted that the G-7 leaders and the rest would dine at different banquets on the 14th. Others decried the presence of leaders like Zaire's Mobutu Sese Seko, who is accused by opponents of having a personal fortune approaching the size of his impoverished country's debt.

Jacques Attali, Mitterrand's closest aide and the summit organiser, was forced to reply. He said all the leaders in Paris would eat together at least three times and have ample opportunity for bilateral meetings.

Asked about Mobutu, he said both the invited leaders and those who requested to come were welcome. But Mitterrand agreed, in a magazine interview, that some requests for an invitation to Paris had been embarrassing.

Understandably none of Europe's crowned heads will be at the party. Many are related to King Louis XVI and his wife Queen Marie-Antoinette, who both lost their heads in the revolution.

Another absentee in the celebrations is the guillotine, the sophisticated instrument which beheaded at least 17,000 French during the bloody post-revolutionary era known as the terror.

The Mitterrand government has preferred to flip through that chapter and recall instead the 1789 declaration of the rights of man which it says inspired the pro-democracy movement in China.

But British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who has sparred with Mitterrand for years, declared bluntly in pre-summit interviews that the revolution had no universal message and that the terror could not be forgotten.

US interest rates falling

Officials aglow over summit

WASHINGTON, July 12, (Reuter): US officials, backed by economic trends going their way, have brushed aside criticism of their debt and trade policies and are exuding optimism ahead of this weekend's Paris meeting of industrial powers.

"As we approach the economic summit, one thing we should keep in mind is that the G-7 (Group of Seven) countries, which are in essence the engine for the world economy, are doing very well," said Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady.

President George Bush could hardly have ordered up a better economic environment for his first G-7 summit on Saturday and Sunday with the leaders of Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan and West Germany.

US interest rates are falling, reversing a year-long trend. Major banks this week announced a half-percentage-point drop in the prime lending rate — the rate they charge to their best corporate customers — to 10.5 per cent.

The dollar, whose strength this spring had strained G-7 relations, has eased back to more comfortable levels below 1.90 West German marks and around 140 Japanese yen.

"The leaders have a right to do a little back-patting," says Robert Hormatz, vice chairman of investment house Goldman Sachs International.

Japan and the West European economies are enjoying robust growth. The US economy, after seven years of non-stop growth, appears headed for the "soft landing" of slower, less inflationary expansion that Federal Reserve policymakers want.

While there is some concern of a US recession, most economists do not believe one is likely soon. Even a US initiative last March to reduce Third

World debt — widely criticised at the time as being inadequate and unlikely to succeed — is beginning to show results.

Mexico, considered a key test case in the plan, is nearing a deal with its creditor banks on a package that would reduce by 35 per cent most of its \$54 billion in medium- and long-term commercial bank debt.

Brady said he expected the Paris summit to endorse his plan, which envisages voluntary agreements between banks and debtors and using International Monetary Fund and World Bank resources to reduce \$1.3 trillion of crippling Third World debt.

Bush took the debt initiative a step further last week when he said Washington would forgive nearly \$1 billion in loans to the desperately poor sub-Saharan nations of Africa.

US officials hope to avoid the rows over an increasingly aggressive American stance on world trade that marred a ministerial meeting of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) last month in Paris.

America's trading partners accused it of trying to unilaterally rewrite international trade laws to its own advantage in order to protect uncompetitive industries.

Bush, before leaving for Europe to preach the virtues of capitalism in Poland and Hungary and to attend the summit, said further tension over trade could be avoided through negotiation.

He will meet Japanese Prime Minister Soudou Uno in Paris to talk about trade and US allegations of Japanese cheating.

OPEC checks output rise

Analysts think

LONDON, July 12, (Reuter): Signs are that OPEC crude oil output is stabilising and may turn out to be down a bit in July after surging earlier in the year, industry sources say.

But some market analysts add that a slight weakening in prices is possible because the level of demand in the July-September quarter may still leave the market generously supplied.

"We would expect some softening in prices but not a collapse," said Geoff Pyne, energy economist with London-based finance UBS Phillips and Drew.

August futures for two world benchmark grades, North Sea Brent blend and US West Texas Intermediate, are now around \$17.50 and \$20.50 per barrel.

The prices have been supported lately by market fears of going short in case of new supply hiccups, like the April loss of a quarter of British output after a North Sea blast or recent tight availability of WTI in the United States.

If the spotlight returns to fundamentals, it will show a picture clouded by at least the usual mid-summer uncertainties.

Not least of these is likely demand in the next three months for oil from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

An official with one oil major thought the organisation would have to come in "a bit below" the volume of around 21 million barrels per day (BPD) which it pumped in June to balance the market.

Steve Turner with stockbrokers Smith New Court sees a market "sufficiently strong to take 20 to 21 million from OPEC, in the third quarter."

Page predicts that the fall on OPEC may be for "only a little over 20 million."

Protest meeting planned

PARIS, July 12, (UPI): Representatives of the world's poorest nations have decided to hold their own summit this week to counter the "summit of the seven richest nations."

The gathering is one of several demonstrations by those who charge President Francois Mitterrand is hosting a rich man's festival to mark the economic summit of seven industrialised nations and the bicentennial of the French Revolution.

"Faced with the summit of the seven richest nations, seven witnesses from the peoples of the Third World are meeting to draw up proposals for the respect of the first right of man — to escape from poverty," said a spokesman for the International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples, a leftist group organising the forum.

Argentine Nobel peace prize winner Adolfo Perez Esquivel will open "the other economic summit" on Saturday on the Paris left bank while leaders of seven industrialised nations begin their economic forum in France's capital.

A veteran of human rights battles in Argentina, Esquivel received the Nobel peace prize in 1980.

The economic summit by the industrialised nations and bicentennial celebrations will cost about \$310 million, but officials are hopeful an anticipated boom in summer tourism will help cover the cost.

New flagship launched

HAMBURG, West Germany, July 12, (AP): Greenpeace, the international environmental organisation, today launched the Rainbow Warrior exactly four years after the group's first flagship of the same name was sunk by French intelligence agents at New Zealand.

Greenpeace said the new ship, a converted 32-year-old Scottish trawler, would continue the mission of its predecessor and would sail in the Pacific to protest against French nuclear tests in the region.

US voices support

Aid package to Poland

PARIS, July 12, (AP): Bolstering President George Bush's \$115-million aid package to Poland, America's key allies are prepared to present their own measures to help the economically troubled nation when they meet this week at their annual economic summit.

The Western co-operation, however, was unlikely to amount to much more than a show of support for a nation undergoing enormous political change.

Peter Pietsch, senior economist at Commerzbank in Frankfurt, West Germany, said the question was whether the assistance would be "big enough to really help to overcome its problems."

"I think Poland will not be feeling satisfied about what is coming out," said Pietsch.

Bush and the leaders of Canada, West Germany, France, Italy, Britain and Japan on Friday will hold their first round of discussions at the economic summit in Paris.

With the sweeping changes under way in Western Europe, the leaders were expected to devote some of their time to discuss the trends toward democratic reforms there. Bush will give the leaders his first

hand impressions after winding up a four-day trip to Poland and Hungary.

In Warsaw, the president said he would ask Congress for \$100 million to support private entrepreneurs in Poland. Bush said he would encourage his summit participants to set up similar programmes.

In Budapest, Hungary, Bush also offered American help. It included a promise to seek most-favoured-nation trading status allowing liberal terms for Hungarian exports to the United States, and a \$25-million grant to spur Hungary's fledgling free-enterprise system.

As part of the aid package for Poland, Bush promised to seek support for "an early and generous" rescheduling by Western creditor governments of some of Poland's foreign debt, a burden some \$39 billion. Bush said such a move could amount to deferral of about \$5 billion in payments in 1989.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher earlier told Poland's Communist Party leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, she would play a key role in trying to get some payments of the nation's foreign debt delayed.

Financial markets becalmed

Dollar steadies

LONDON, July 12, (Reuter): Europe's currency and stock dealers were adrift today in markets becalmed by an almost total lack of direction.

"It is a thin and listless market at the moment," a foreign exchange dealer said. "Nobody has any new ideas."

A share broker in Frankfurt said: "No one knows what's happening, or why."

To add to the general inactivity, London's financial markets were hit for the fourth successive week by a 24-hour transport strike and many dealers there left work early to fight their way home through the

traffic. The dollar ended little changed and dealers said the market was focusing on a batch of US economic statistics — producer prices, retail sales, industrial production and capacity utilisation, all for June — due out on Friday.

Gold bullion ended marginally lower at \$380 an ounce after finishing on Tuesday at \$380.25.

Oil prices were a shade firmer in sluggish trade with North Sea Brent blend, the international marker crude, quoted around \$17.25 a barrel for September delivery.

Britain threatens new curbs on strikes

LONDON, July 12, (Reuter): The government threatened to strengthen Britain's anti-strike laws today as a 24-hour stoppage by transport workers paralysed the national rail network and London underground trains.

Employment Minister Norman Fowler said after a cabinet meeting that new curbs could be introduced within weeks to deal with disputes affecting essential services.

The government is beset by an indefinite strike affecting most main ports and the threat of stoppages in engineering and defence industries as well as weekly disruption of rail services and local government.

The industrial unrest has gathered pace

despite tough laws restricting trade union muscle passed during Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's decade in office.

Fowler told reporters that changes to the law could be introduced in the autumn.

"You don't react in a day-to-day way," he said. "There have to be sensible discussions and analysis about strikes and unofficial action in essential services on what action can be taken."

Fowler did not disclose what action the government planned. But government sources have indicated that new laws could lead to restrictions on the right to strike in public

services. After several years of relative industrial peace, public sector unions are fighting efforts to impose seven per cent pay settlements at a time when annual inflation is running at 8.3 per cent and is expected to rise further.

The one-day rail and underground strike was the fourth in a series which have caused severe disruption to commuter travel in London and other cities.

It followed a breakdown in peace talks last night when union leaders rejected conditions placed by state-owned British Rail on a pay offer raised from seven to 8.8 per cent.

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3 countries to get OPEC Fund loans

GENEVA, July 12, (OPECNA): The OPEC Fund for International Development today extended \$22 million to three countries in development loans, plus two grants totalling 2.36 million to enable a fourth to join the common fund for commodities.

A credit of \$10 million is to be extended to Sudan for the import of oil products for transportation and electric power generation.

Of the nine previous loans, four have been for balance of payments support and five for projects in transportation, energy and agriculture. Also extended was a grant of \$1.36 million to cover the country's common fund contribution.

Bangladesh will receive \$7 million for the reconstruction of flood-damaged roads in its north-western districts.

It is the 15th fund loan to the South Asian country. While nine have been for projects, two each have gone for specific commodity imports and balance of payments support. One has been a grant of 1.43 million for its common fund subscription. There has also been a line of credit to an agricultural bank.

Nepal will be given \$5 million to enable the Himalayan state to import oil products for transportation, domestic heating and electrification.

Japan chosen top

Fortune survey

NEW YORK, July 12, (AP): Profits of the 500 largest industrial companies outside the United States soared nearly 50 per cent in 1988 from the year before, according to a survey released today by the US-based Fortune magazine.

Japan leads the new Fortune "international 500" list of the largest industrial corporations outside the United States based on 1988 sales, dominating with 159 entries, the business magazine said. Japan had 157 companies on the list based on 1987 sales.

Britain had 74 companies on the new list, followed by West Germany (53), France (39), Canada (28), Sweden (20), Australia and Switzerland (13 each), and Finland and South Korea (11 each).

The international 500 list appears in July 31 editions of the magazine. Total profits of the Fortune International 500 rose to \$116.5 billion last year from \$78.1 billion in 1987, the business magazine said. Together, the companies added 300,000 new jobs.

Royal Dutch-Shell group, an Anglo-Dutch oil giant, retained its No. 1 spot on the list for the 12th straight year. Japanese automaker Toyota moved into the No. 2 spot for the first time, while British Petroleum dropped to No. 3 after 11 straight years as No. 2.

Fortune attributed the changes to Toyota's relentless annual sales growth, which has averaged 22 per cent for the past five years, and to the slump in the oil industry affecting British Petroleum.

Meanwhile, the General Motors Corporation, the leading US auto maker, topped Fortune magazine's list of the world's hundred largest industrial companies, raking up \$120.1 billion in annual sales.

It also said a slump in the price of oil was not enough to shake the oil group out of top positions on its annual list.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, July 12, (Reuter): The market closed higher after overseas markets were boosted by the £13 billion bid for BAT Industries. The All Ordinaries index ended up 7.0 at 1,560.6.

TOKYO: Share prices closed mixed in thin, narrow trade as Japanese political uncertainty dragged down some uplifting economic signs and persuaded major investors to stay sidelined. The Nikkei index eased 45.25 to close at 33,701.52.

SINGAPORE: Share prices closed generally higher on institutional and small investor buying in brisk trading with sporadic profit-taking well absorbed. The Straits Times industrial index hit a new post-crash high of 1,353.73 up 7.56.

BOMBAY: Share prices finished up but off opening highs on alternate bouts of buying and selling with buyers reluctant to extend commitments until the new account begins on Monday. Tata Steel rose Rs. 12.5 to 1,432.5.

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SEMP	16/6	16/5	SEAGRAM CO	16/1
SEMP	2/3	2/3	SEAGRAM EN	16/1
SEMP	53/2	53/2	SEARS ROE	45/5
SEMP	27/0	27/0	SERV CORP	21/1
SEMP	17/0	17/0	SA STN PAC	22/2
CO	39/5	39/5	SMITH TRAM	41/1
GL	39/0	39/2	SHER FLOW	68/8
MI	34/6	34/7	SHERW-HILL	36/5
-70		61/4	SMITH INT	13/1
-10		80/0	SMITH BEC	60/5
INC	11/7	11/6	SNAP ON TL	39/5
INC	36/1	36/3	SOURCE CAP	40/0
OFF	22/2	22/1	SPLAIN FUND	27/1
PO	12/0	12/1	SPERRY	12/0
SQU	26/3	26/4	SQUARE D	57/3
P	52/0	51/7	SCUDIB	
ORD	48/6	48/6	STONE CONT	25/2
CRCP	58/3	57/7	SUN CO	37/1
RCP	1/3	1/4	SUNDSTRAND	70/3
SRP	27/5	27/5	SUNSH MIN	30/2
GRIL	20/0	20/5	SUPER VAL	28/2
GRIP	30/5	30/6	SOUTHWEST	29/0
TT	21/7	21/6	SH GAS	20/0
TT	13/7	13/6	SHI BELL	55/6
SRP	59/5	59/4	TCBY ENT	22/1
EXP	8/2	8/3	TECO ENRG	26/0
ECT	20/5	20/6	TEKTRONIX	22/3
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EST	19/1	19/1	TENNECO EN	55/1
	4/0	3/7	TERADYNE	11/4
LE	26/0	26/1	TESORO PET	9/2
ECT	15/0	15/0	TEX AMER B	08/0
DET	71/7	71/7	TEXACO	52/2
PRI	27/3	27/1	TEXAS IND	32/0
NR	6/3	6/3	TEXAS INST	40/4
Q6	0	97/0	TEXAS UTIL	33/4
KRCP	26/3	26/2	THOMAS IND	19/3
L	81/5	81/6	TIDEWATER	8/4
EN	22/5	22/7	TIME INCOR	148/4
	58/5	58/0	TINKEN	34/3
OOD	57/6	57/6	TOCHMARK	40/0
HOOR	143/7	143/6	TOYS R US	29/0
E	23/0	23/2	TRANSEAM	38/3
PE	12/3	12/0	TRANSCO EN	48/3
WES	47/6	47/5	TRANSCO EX	12/3
	19/4	19/5	TRAVELLERS	42/6
	40/4	40/5	TRINITY INT	39/0
GE	24/4	24/4	TV CORP	33/4
	64/4	64/2	TJX CORP	17/6
DMP	19/2	19/2	UAL CORP	162/4
ANNS	30/5	30/4	UTD BRAND	52/4
PM	113/4	112/2	UNITLEVER	67/6
GL	21/0	21/2	UNION CAMP	36/5
WHE	16/1	16/0	UNION CARB	29/6
DIATE	64/2	64/3	US SHOE	19/7
CHOR	15/7	15/7	USX CP.	34/5
CD	40/4	40/2	US WEST	72/4
NR	93/7	94/3	US AIR CP	45/3
ITW	14/6	14/6	VALERO EN	15/6
DIL	5/2	5/2	VALLEY INT	1/5
	34/5	34/4	VARCO INTL	4/7
	1/5	1/5	VARIAN ASS	24/2
	77/0	77/0	V PNT PEPP	0

S	28/7	28/6	WARNER LAM	98/0
EN	9/7	10/0	WASTE MAN	54/1
P	18/5	18/5	WASH GAS L	28/3
P	37/3	37/4	WENDY INTL	6/1
MP	8/4	8/4	WEST CO	18/7
CH	65/5	65/6	WESTINGHSE	63/6
IE	18/1	18/0	WILLIAMS E	13/3
ST	25/5	25/5	WINEBAGO	8/0
RP	22/0	21/7	WOLVER WW	12/4
E	40/5	40/5	WOOLNORTH	53/5
	27/3	26/7	WORLDCORP	7/1
	57/2	52/3	WRIGLEY	44/2

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	16/3	16/3	ZENITH EL	18/4
CO	28/4	28/2	ZERO	21/0
	67/6	68/0	ZURN	38/7

w Jones Plus Indices				
	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
	2,516.31	+ 1.70	2,519.73	2,512.5
	1,192.43	- 11.00	1,203.59	1,189.6
	215.35	- 0.38	215.67	214.9
'S	974.77	- 2.63	978.01	973.5
COMP	183.32	- 0.30		
COMPOSITE	328.22	- 0.56		
INDS	218.98	- 0.33		
INDEX	366.24	+ 0.21		
COMP	445.63	+ 1.13		
INDX INDEX	322.63	- 1.53		
FIN'L	521.73	+ 1.98		
BANKING	474.09	+ 1.66		
INDX INDEX	303.84	- 0.57		
INDS	432.26	+ 0.25		

AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME					
7/8	BAT INDS	14	3/16	-	3/16
UNCH	ECHO BAY	15	7/8	+	1/2
UNCH	AMDAHL CP	15	7/8		UNCH
7/2	ATARI CP	8			UNCH
7/2	TEXAS AIR	15	1/4	-	1/4
7/2	FIRST AUS	9			UNCH
7/8	SOTHEBY'S	44	1/2	+	3/4
7/8	DIASONICS	3	1/16	+	1/16
UNCH	FRUIT LOOM	11	1/4	+	1/8
UNCH	MICHAELS	7	3/4	+	3/4

7/8	HAL INC	25	7/8	+ 3 1/8
7/4	BAKER CP	11	7/4	+ 3/4
7/4	BOMMAR	2	-	1/8
7/4	VITRONICS	2	1/8	- 1/4
7/2	JOULE INC	2	1/2	- 1/4
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600	STOCKS DOWN			205

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NASD BANKING	474.09	+ 1.66
S-P 100 INDEX	303.84	- 0.57
NASD INDS	432.26	+ 0.25

NYSE LARGEST	PER CENT	CHANGE	AMEX LARGEST	PER CENT	CHANGE
CALTON INC	2 3/8	+ 3/8	HAL INC	25 7/8	+ 3 1/8
ZAPATA	3 1/4	+ 1/4	BAKER CP	11 1/8	+ 3/4
TEBERO	9 7/8	+ 3/4	BOMMAR	2	+ 1/8
COMP ASSOC	16 7/8	- 1 3/8	VITRONICS	2 1/8	- 1/4
RELANCE G	6 1/4	- 1/2	JOULE INC	2 1/2	- 1/4
NYSE VOLUME	67,456,620		AREX VOLUME	5,453,950	
STOCKS UP	530		STOCKS UP	201	
STOCKS DOWN	702		STOCKS DOWN	205	
11-JUL NASDAQ VOLUME	142,141,600				
STOCKS UP 1073	DOWN 899				

NEW YORK, July 12, (Reuters): Some profit-taking pushed blue chips down to mostly unchanged levels from higher earlier prices, while broader market remained soft, traders said. Airline issues were weak.

The Dow Jones international average was unchanged at 2515.1, as declining shares led gaining issues seven to five in moderate trading.

"Traders are sitting on the sidelines awaiting Friday's figure," said one trader. The US producer price index for June, an inflation gauge, is out Friday and economists expect a gain of 0.2 per cent.

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International Bond Highlights

AMSTERDAM: The Dutch Ministry of Finance said it invited bids at tender for a new seven-year bullet state loan due 1999 of which the issue price will be set on July 18.

FRANKFURT: The amount was increased from 300 million marks due to good demand.

LONDON: Deutsche Bank Finance NV is issuing a 300 million Euro bond due August 9, 1994 paying 8-5/8 pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct, lead manager Deutsche Bank Capital Markets Ltd said.

LONDON: Iwanti International Corp is issuing a 300 million dollar four-year Eurobond with an indicated 4-3/8 pct coupon, lead manager Nomura International PLC said.

LONDON: Telford Marine and Fire Insurance Co Ltd is issuing a 300 million dollar four-year Eurobond with an indicated coupon of 4-3/8 pct, lead manager Nomura International PLC said.

ZURICH: Cade Finance Inc is issuing a 200 million Swiss franc convertible note with an indicated coupon of 1/2 pct priced at par and with a put option, lead manager Citicorp Investment Bank (Switzerland) said.

PARIS: France's Edf Aquitaine is launching a 600 million franc 10-year Eurobond with a nine pct coupon priced at 101-7/8 pct, lead manager Credit Commercial de France said.

LONDON: Banesto Finance Ltd is issuing a 130 million dollar Eurobond with warrants due August 10, 1994 paying a coupon of 5-1/4 pct and priced at par, lead manager Morgan Stanley International said.

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	89	88.50	88	MUK IRON	131	132	133
ACC	311.50	313	312	GNFC	36.50	36.25	34.50	NAT INDEX	393.03	390.26
ALCO CHEM	---	---	---	GRASIM	125.75	127.50	129	NIPON	34	34.50
ALV MIS	---	---	---	GSFC	157.50	158.75	158.75	MOCIL	965	970
ARI FAB	---	---	---	GUJ ALK	69	68	68.50	ORKAY	17.50	16.75
ASHOK LEY	79	78	78.50	GUJ HEAVY	10.50	9.50	10.50	OSVAL AGRO	73	73.50
ASIA PAINT	191.25	192.50	193.75	HIND MONDA	20	19	20.50	PEICO	18.50	18
ATLAS COP	37.50	37.50	38.50	HIND CIBA	880	890	880	PFIZER	68	67
AUTO CORP	68	69	67	HIND COCCA	112.50	112.50	113.75	PONDS	173.75	174
BAJAJ AUTO	362.50	365	362.50	HIND LEVER	94.50	94	94.25	PREN AUTO	51.50	52.25
BAL RAYON	550	555	561.25	HIND MOTOR	37	37.25	36.50	RANBAXY	85	82.50
BK BOND	85	83	84	HINDALCO	305	308.75	308.75	RAY MOOL	83	82
BLO PLAST	---	---	---	HOCHTIT	690	690	710	RECKITT	187.50	187.50
BOH DYE	140	141	139	IND ORG	38	37.50	37	RELIANCE	128.50	128.50
BSE INDEX	765.20	765.16	765.16	IND RAYON	81	82	82	SESA GAO	42	41.50
BURR MEL	207.50	202.50	207.50	INDROLL	292.50	295	295	SHRI FIB	90	90
CANSHARE	180	187.50	185.50	INGERSOLL	395	392.50	400	SIEMENS	69.50	68
CEN ENKA	2720	2710	2740	ITC	114.50	112	114	SKF	1310	1320
CEN SPE	1945	1950	1950	KJ SYN	77	78	79	SPIC	54	54
COLGATE	320	321.25	320	KIN ENGG	175	168.75	170	ST MILLS	345	340
CROMT GR	1325	1325	1375	KIR CUMM	55	55	56	TATA CHEM	124	124
DCI	11	10	11	KSB PUMPS	395	380	390	TATA OIL	70	72.50
DEEP FERT	30.50	30.50	30.50	L AND T	92	92.50	93	TATA PON	385	380
DUNLOP	80	80	80	LIPION	73.50	73.50	74	TELCO	975	990
EI HOTELS	62	61	62.50	MAC RUSSEL	114	115	117.50	THAPP AGRO	---	---
ESKORTS	69	68.50	69.50	MAD COATS	106	104	106	TISCO	1420	1427
ESSAR SP	123.75	123.75	125	MAHINDRA	90	87	98	VNM ORG	168	168
FOSSAL	23.75	23.75	24.75	MAS SHARE	19.35	18.25	18.35	VARELI	22.50	22.50
FOOD SPL	168.75	170	167.50	MICO	645	640	650	VOLTAS	835	850
FORSES	50	49	50	MILKFOOD	197.50	200	205	WINCO	16.50	16.25
GAR POLY	65	65	63.75	MODI	82.50	82	83	ZENITH	57	57
GE SHIPPING	40.75	41	41	MRF LTD	---	---	---	ZUARI AGRO	75	73

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AER	208.3
ALIANZ VR	204.0
BADENWERK	227.0
BASF	293.2
BAYER	294.0
BAYER NYP	423.0
BAYER VER	462.0
BBC	479.0
BHF	563.5
BHW	563.5
COMMERZBK	270.2
CONTI GUMM	309.0
DAIMER BEN	701.0
DEUTSC BK	626.0
DLW	558.0
DRESNER B	349.5
DT BARCOCK	203.0
FZ INDEX	622.31
FELDMUEHL	385.0
GOLDSCHEID	415.0
HANDELM	457.0
HOECHST AG	296.5
HOECHS	234.0
HORTEN	285.0
HUSSEL HLD	642.0
KALF SALZ	215.5
KARSTADT	508.0
KAUFOFF	525.0
KLOECK H	182.0
KLOECK U	156.0
LMDE	750.0
LUFTHANSA	179.5
MAN	310.5
MANNESMAN	228.0
METALLGES	535.0
NIXDORF PF	327.5
NORSK HYD	48.20
PHILIP KON	546.0
PORSCH	745.0
PREUSSAG	300.0
PMA	304.0
RHEINMETAL	402.5
RME P	328.0
RUE P	275.0
SALAMANDER	332.5
SCHERING	647.0
SEL	311.0
SIEMENS	585.7
THYSEN	225.0
VARTA	363.0
VEBA	343.5
VEW	214.0
VOLKSWAGEN	420.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
BANK EA	14.50
CATHAY	8.30
CAVENISH	292
CHEUNG K	7.60
CHINA L-P	12.30
DAIRY FARM	685
EVERGOLD	2.22
GT EAGLE	0
H S INDEX	477.51
HACO	18
HANG LUNG	4.37
HENDERSON	4.42
HK BANK	5.55
HK ELEC	7.60
HK GAS	16.80
HK LAND	7.70
HK TELECOM	4.72
HK-SAMOA	4.72
HOPEWELL	2.30
HS BANK	21.00
HUTCHINSON	8.15
HYSON DEV	1.27
JAR MATH	19.40
JSH	11.20
KH BUS	7.00
LAI SUN	123
MANDARIN O	0
MIRAMAR	5.75
NEW WORLD	9.15
PAUL Y CON	.88
SHK PROP	9.10
STELLUS	2.15
SWIRE A	15.20
TAI CHEUNG	4.07
TV-B	1.07
WHAUF	8.10
WINSOR	8.60
WORLD INTL	3.45

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AJINOMOTO	2630
AKAI ELEC	745
AKAI	1330
ASAHU GLS	2300
ASAHU OPT	917
BANK TOKYO	1660
BRIDGESTON	1610
CANON	1800
CASIO COMP	1430
CHUGAI PHM	1840
CITIZEN W	1120
D-ICHI KAN	3310
DAI NIP IK	875
DAI NIP PT	2320
DAI NIP SC	1320
DAI NIP TO	933
DAICEL	1080
DAIWA H	2140
DAIWA SEC	2220
EBRA FMS	2310
EISAI	1990
FUJITSU	1640
FUJI BANK	3450
FUJII PHOTO	4330
FUJISAWA	1680
FUJITSU CP	1980
HITACHI	1610
HONDA MOT	2000
ISOTAN	2490
ITO YOKADO	3970
JAP SYN JR	1180
JAPAN AIR	16100
JAPAN MET	1110
KAJIMA	2160
KANSAI EL	4480
KAO SOAP	1740
KAWASAKI H	1230
KAWASAKI S	950
KIRIN BEER	1910
KOMATSU	1270
KUBOTA LTD	1160
KYOCERA	6330
MAKITA EL	1840
MARUI	2840
MATSUDA EI	2400
MATSUDA EL	0
MEIJI SEIK	1070

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS MIXED IN NARROW TRADE TO CLOSE MIXED

TOKYO, JULY 12, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED MIXED IN THIN, NARROW TRADE AS JAPANESE POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY DRAGGED DOWN SOME UPLIFTING ECONOMIC SIGNS AND PERSUADED MAJOR INVESTORS TO STAY SIDELINED. "THE MARKET IS DEVASTATINGLY DULL TODAY, WORSE THAN WATER TORTURE," SAID ONE FOREIGN ANALYST.

"IT'S A CHICKEN-AND-EGG QUESTION OF WHAT COMES FIRST," SAID MARSHALL AUBERK, FUND MANAGER FOR G.T. MANAGEMENT (JAPAN). "THE MARKET IS SO LETHARGIC IT CAN'T ATTRACT BUYERS, BUT UNTIL PEOPLE DO INJECT ENERGY, PRICES CANNOT RECOVER."

THE KEY 225-SHARE NIKKEI INDEX GAINED 45.25 POINTS TO CLOSE AT 33,701.52 AFTER RISING IN A QUICK BOUNCE BEFORE BECOMING NERVOUS IN THE DAY'S NARROW TRADING PATTERN.

TURNOVER WAS ABOUT 400 MILLION SHARES AGAINST TUESDAY'S 550 MILLION. DEALERS WERE ACTIVE ON THEIR OWN ACCOUNTS, TRADERS SAID.

LOWER YEN BOND YIELDS AND STABLE CURRENCY RATES POINT TO A BETTER CLIMATE FOR BUYING EQUITIES, AIDED BY SIGNS THAT U.S. INTEREST RATES ARE DECLINING, BROKERS SAID.

"GRADUALLY A ROSY PICTURE HAS EMERGED, WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE BUYING, BUT INVESTORS START WORRYING ABOUT POLITICS AGAIN," SAID GEORGE NIMMO, SENIOR SALESMAN FOR SBCI SECURITIES (ASIA). "IT COMES DOWN TO MARKET SENTIMENT, WHICH IS FICKLE."

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS ARE WIDELY EXPECTED TO SHUN THE STOCK MARKET UNTIL AFTER JAPAN'S JULY 23 UPPER HOUSE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION. IF THE RULING LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY SUFFERS EMBARRASSING LOSSES AND PRIME MINISTER SOSUKE UENO, TAINTED BY ALLEGATIONS OF ILLEGAL SEXUAL AFFAIRS, IS FORCED TO RESIGN, THE YEN COULD WEAKEN, BROKERS SAID.

"THE MAIN THING KEEPING INVESTORS OUT IS THE UNCERTAINTY," SAID G.T. MANAGEMENT'S AUBERK. "NO ONE'S MAKING A BIG COMMITMENT UNTIL THEY KNOW THE OUTCOME."

DEALERS ON THEIR OWN ACCOUNTS, TRUST FUNDS AND SOME INDIVIDUALS WERE IN THE MARKET TODAY, TRADERS SAID.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JULY 12, REUTER - HONG KONG STOCKS SLIPPED ON PROFIT-TAKING BUT CLOSED OFF THEIR LOSSES ON BUYING FROM THE U.S. AND ASIA, BROKERS SAID.

"THERE IS CAUTION BUT AS THERE IS NO CONCRETE BAD NEWS EITHER FROM CHINA OR HONG KONG ITSELF NOW, THE MARKET SHOULD BE ON TRACK TO TEST THE 2,400 LEVEL SOON," AN ANALYST SAID.

BROKERS SAID A PROPERTY TENDER AND A LAND AUCTION AT THE END OF THE MONTH WOULD BE IMPORTANT SIGNALS FOR THE MARKET.

THE HANG SENG INDEX LOST 8.34 TO 2,477.51 AND THE HONG KONG INDEX SLIPPED 5.24 TO 1,634.87. TURNOVER, AT 1.15 BILLION H.K. DLS, WAS DOWN FROM TUESDAY'S 1.41 BILLION.

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG
JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	2.20
JORDAN KUMAIT BANK	2.24
JORDAN GULF BANK	---
THE HOUSING BANK	---
ARAB JOR/INVT/BK	---
INDSTR DLVPT BNK	1.63
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.70
PETRA BANK	2.25
JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64
JOR NATIONAL BANK	---
JOR INV. FIN. CORP	---
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.71
REAL ESTATE INV.	---
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	---
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO.	1.89
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00
BANK OF JORDAN	---
ARAB BANK	---
JORDAN INSURANCE	2.39
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.65
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26
JOR. FRENCH INS.	2.68
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.35
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94
ARAB INSURANCE	0.95
PHILADELPHIA INS.	---
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11
NATIONAL ARILA INS	1.16
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05
MIDDLE EAST INS.	2.00
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	---
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	---
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	---
INTERN. COM/INV	0.13
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71
DAR AL SHAMS PRESS	0.34
TRISTE ELECTRICITY	0.81
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.50

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	LC-B	PK-A	PK-B	DIL
AC-A	19.75	20.00	19.75	LC-A	24.50	25	26	---
ANS	2.75	2.80	2.75	LC-B	25	26	28	---
GLO	25.50	24.00	24.00	PK-A	27	28	28	---
PLDT	327.50	330.00	327.50	PK-B	29	30	29	---
WPA-A	3.80	3.90	3.80	DIL	---	---	---	---
WPA-B	70.00	70.50	70.00	BP-A	0.13	0.14	0.14	---
WPA-C	92.00	93.00	93.00	BP-B	0.14	0.15	0.15	---
MINING SECTOR	---	---	---	LRC-A	0.036	0.04	0.04	---
APX-A	0.015	0.016	0.015	LRC-B	0.036	0.04	0.04	---
APX-B	0.015	0.016	0.015	OPH-A	0.048	0.049	0.048	---
AT-A	37.50	38.00	38.00	OPH-B	0.049	0.05	0.048	---
				OV-A	0.04	0.041	0.04	---
				OV-B	0.041	0.042	0.041	---

Makati Stock Market Report

SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
CY	8,322,110	48,331,442.50	1,268.28	1.98 UP
MINING	82,116,300	3,420,300.00	4,889.45	18.81 DN
OIL	748,850,000	21,282,250.00	7,408	0.235 UP
TOTAL	839,288,410	73,033,922.50	1,024.52	10.00 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	LC-B	PK-A	PK-B	DIL
WPA-A	70.50	71.00	70.50	LC-A	85.00	25	26	---
WPA-B	92.50	93.00	93.00	LC-B	24.25	25	26	---
PLDT	327.50	330.00	327.50	PK-A	27	28	28	---
WPA-C	2.70	2.75	2.75	PK-B	29	30	29	---
ANS-A	3.00	3.50	---	DIL	---	---	---	---
ANS-B	20.00	20.25	19.75	BP-A	0.13	0.14	0.14	---
GLO	25.50	24.00	24.00	BP-B	0.14	0.15	0.15	---
FER-A	1.94	2.00	---	LRC-A	0.038	0.04	0.04	---
FER-B	1.98	2.16	---	LRC-B	0.038	0.042	0.042	---
MINING SECTOR	---	---	---	OPH-A	0.048	0.049	0.048	---
STOCK BUY	---	---	---	OPH-B	0.05	0.0525	0.05	---
STOCK SELL	---	---	---	OV-A	0.041	0.042	0.04	---
APX-A	0.015	0.016	0.015	OV-B	0.041	0.042	0.04	---
APX-B	0.016	0.017	0.016	TA	0.024	0.025	0.024	---
AT-A	37.00	37.50	38.00					
AT-B	37.50	38.50	38.00					

Manila Stock Market Report

SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
CY/IND	2,410,820	56,392,845	1240.55	UP 3.68
MINING	250,870,250	7,468,700	4491.95	DN 35.65
TOTAL	1,275,881,070	93,192,495	1015.86	UP 8.34

SINGAPORE

DEF A				G KENT	
DEF B				G LUMBER	
DEF C				G TOWN	
MONMOTO	123			G U HLDSG	
AL IND	146	148		GANDA HDG	
AL PROP	35.5	33		GEN CORP	
JOYLA	127	128		GENTING	
KARAJA	151	146		GOLD COCM	
WSTEAD	148	152		GSI	
LSBERG	580	575		GUINNESS	
				GUILA	
REBOS	545	530		GUTHRI	
AL IND	290	293		H L LIMO	
HLDSG				H MARINU	
TANG	474	478		HAW PAR	
D STOR	348	346		INCHEAPE	
PAPI	67	67		INHO-PAC	
				INHOVEST	
B BHD	162	164		INSA	
A CCM				INSA	
CHIBASY				ENGRG	
AG MAGN	211	206		J SHIPWAY	
ORD ORD	360	362		JACKS LTD	
YAN S				JC ENT	
C B		27.5		JC-MPW	
SHIP	364	364		JOWAN HDG	
ORD	1020	1020		K G HLDSG	
CABLE		67		K KELLAS	
FLOUR		520		KAMUNING A	
A BHD	362	360		KAMUNING	

Beijing tries to woo back tourists

BEIJING, July 12, (Reuters): China winced and tried to woo back tourists today and took them behind the machine-guns on a privileged visit to Tiananmen Square in a bid to woo back the foreign visitors and currency scared off by the Beijing massacre.

Before letting them see the scorch marks, tank tracks and student graffiti still visible on the square's slabs, officials told more than 100 travel agents that the Chinese capital was once more a safe holiday spot.

"China's political situation is extremely stable," said Bo Xicheng, Beijing's tourism chief and son of hardline politician Bo Yibo, in a speech to a hastily arranged conference of Chinese and foreign tour operators.

He urged the foreign participants not to believe "distorted reports" of the bloody events of early June and said China's travel industry had suffered "huge losses" because of cancelled package tours.

Only 22,000 foreigners visited Beijing in June, one-fifth the number in June 1988, China Daily said today, signalling multi-million dollar losses in foreign exchange earnings from tourists.

Bo admitted tourists might be "inconvenienced" by martial law restrictions on taking photographs and random vehicle checks by the troops still stationed in the city, but such difficulties were "being resolved," he said.

Trucks carrying a party of Japanese tourists were chased by angry troops who forced the visitors to hand over their film after they took pictures in Tiananmen Square last week.

Truckloads of troops left the square before the travel agents arrived and it was guarded by only a few dozen soldiers with machine-guns.

In recent days thousands of unarmed soldiers from the martial law forces used to crush the pro-democracy movement have marched through the area for their own guided tours of the square and the neighbouring Forbidden City.

Few foreigners or Chinese civilians have been allowed into the square since the Army shot its way into Beijing city centre in early June, killing hundreds, possibly thousands of pro-democracy demonstrators.

Baby boom a brake on growth

NICOSIA, July 12, (Reuters): Iran's baby boom was a brake on the economy and population control was a priority, Economy and Finance Minister Mohammad Javad Irvani said.

"The phenomenal growth of the population during these years count among the negative and prevent factors in the development of the economy," he was quoted as saying by the first issue of the economic monthly Iqtisad.

Statistics estimate Iran's 50 million population will double in 20 years and Irvani said even with a birth control programme the figure was likely to reach 90 million.

The Iranian news agency IRNA quoted Irvani as saying Iran's population growth rate was 3.9 per cent in 1986 compared to 2.4 per cent before the 1979 Islamic revolution.

IRNA, received in Nicosia today, reported President Ali Khamenei had said recently that having fewer children meant it would be easier for parents to care for their needs.

Islam did not categorically encourage people to have large families, IRNA quoted Khamenei as saying.

Irvani said: "Population control in principle counts as one of the priority policies of the government."

"Great stress had been put on discouraging large families in Iran's major economic, social and cultural plans," he added.

Irvani told Iqtisad he estimated Iran's foreign reserves, including gold, at "about \$6 to 7 billion."

He said the current budget allowed the Central Bank to guarantee repayment on foreign loans for a number of projects which would eventually save Iran foreign currency.

Irvani said for example the budget allowed the Oil Ministry to use foreign loans to rebuild oil platforms in the Gulf damaged during the war with Iraq.

A great amount of money could be saved by repairing them, he added.

Underground investment houses close their doors

TAIPEI, July 12, (Reuters): Taiwan's underground investment houses are closing their doors on panicky investors trying to withdraw cash as the government prepares to crack down on their operations.

Burly security guards today chased away reporters trying to interview investors besieging the offices of the Fortune Group, one of Taiwan's biggest underground firms, that has publicly announced it is refusing withdrawals.

"I don't care about the interest. I just want my money back," said Julie Wang, an advertising executive who

has invested more than \$10,000 in the company which offers monthly interest rates of four per cent.

Several million people are estimated to have invested money in the illegal companies which are threatened with stiff penalties following the passage through parliament of a revised banking law yesterday.

The law aims to shake up a creaking state-run system by allowing competition from private banks.

The government hopes that a revamped banking industry will attract some of vast funds that are now managed by

underground financiers who are free of official supervision and offer spectacular returns on investment.

Officials have given no clear indication on how they intend to enforce the new law, and many of the estimated 200 investment concerns are buying time by refusing to allow clients to withdraw their deposits.

The stock market has been plunged into gloom as the underground firms, who have underpinned surging price rises this year, pull out billions of dollars of investments in a bid to remain liquid.

The Taiwan stock index has dropped

almost 20 per cent after hitting a record 10,105.81 on June 19. Daily turnover has plummeted after repeatedly topping 100 billion Taiwan dollars (\$4 billion) this spring.

The index rose 298 points today to close at 8,228.82, but dealers said it was a technical rally after the market's huge losses in recent weeks.

"This could turn out to be a financial disaster," said Daniel Chiang of International Investment Trust.

Several economists said they believed the Nationalist government is unlikely to allow the firms to collapse overnight because of fears that it could

damage their chances in parliamentary elections in December.

They said government bankers may be sent in to help the larger companies restructure, possibly turning them into regulated trust companies.

The firms are estimated to control the equivalent of \$4 billion. Their investments spread into the stock and property markets and even international hotels and department stores in Taipei.

"This could be a political time bomb if it is not managed well," said Tsai Ing-Wen, a prominent lawyer who advises the Ministry of Finance.

"I think (the government) will negotiate a package with the underground houses," she said. "The idea is to dispose of their assets or transform them into legal structures."

Stock market analysts said any interference in the operations of the underground firms, which account for a large part of turnover, could derail the six-month boom on one of the world's fastest growing bourses.

"If they really act to wipe out these investment houses it will have quite an effect on the market," said Alan Hsu, vice-president of BT-Yuen Foong Securities.



Commuters on the River Thames Bus Line get off boats at Charing Cross Pier yesterday as the fourth one-day national rail and London underground strike took effect. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, faced with the most serious resurgence in labour disputes in years has called the weekly strikes disgraceful. (Reuters wirephoto)

Talks on dispute collapse

Rail strike goes ahead

LONDON, July 12, (Reuters): Britain was hit today by its fourth one-day national rail strike in a month after pay talks between employers and trade unions collapsed.

Millions of commuters struggled to work as a simultaneous strike by London underground train crews shut down the most popular mode of transport in the capital.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, faced with the most serious resurgence in labour disputes in years, has called the

weekly strikes disgraceful and taken charge of a special cabinet committee to discuss policy.

The Transport Ministry again turned London parks into open-air garages, urging motorists to arrange car pools to work. It also boosted river boat service on the Thames.

National Union of Railwaysmen (NUR) leader Jimmy Knapp said last night state-owned British Rail, which had offered a seven per cent wage rise, had attached unacceptable conditions to an 8.8 per cent deal

proposed by an independent tribunal.

"It is a kick in the teeth for the workforce," he said.

The collapse of the talks came at the end of the first day of an indefinite strike by dock workers over the government's scrapping of a 40-year-old jobs-for-life plan.

Both disputes have prompted strong condemnation of union leaders by Thatcher, whose 10 years in power have led to a radical reduction in the number of strikes.

US defends aircraft sale to China

WASHINGTON, July 12, (Reuters): The US State Department yesterday defended its decision to let Boeing Company sell four commercial jetliners to China, saying that to do otherwise would threaten the safety of civilian air passengers.

The decision waives sanctions imposed by US President George Bush following the recent crack-down on pro-democracy demonstrators by the Chinese government.

"Our decision is in keeping with the President's intent not to disrupt non-military commercial trade with the PRC (People's Republic of China), and was based on the fact that these navigation systems are designed for inclusion in civil products, and are critical to the safe operation of commercial aircraft," State Department deputy spokesman Richard Boucher said.

The sale of the four 757-200 Boeing aircraft worth \$50 million each was initially held up because technologically sensitive Honeywell navigation systems installed on the planes were on the US munitions list, which was covered by the sanctions announced by Bush.

White House Chief of Staff John Sununu, in a television interview on Sunday, also defended the decision, saying "there is no technology in these planes that has not been included in commercial sales to China in the past."

He added that Chinese authorities recently indicated they might show mercy toward most of the demonstrators so the administration decided to let the sale to go forward in an effort to encourage leniency toward the students.

Moroccan economy risks losing momentum

RABAT, July 12, (Reuters): After remarkable gains last year the Moroccan economy risks losing momentum because of higher oil prices and interest rates and a stronger dollar, the central bank said in a report published today.

Bank Al-Maghrib, the central bank, said in its annual report that gross domestic product (GDP) grew 10 per cent last year — "one of the highest rates ever recorded" — while inflation was kept down to 2.3 per cent.

It said there was a relatively high current account surplus equivalent to 1.6 per cent of GDP. GDP was 101.4 billion dirhams (\$12 billion) at constant 1980 prices.

"The year 1988 was exceptional for Morocco's economy even though some somber areas persist," the bank said.

The good performance after a recession of

nearly three per cent in 1987 was due mainly to an exceptional harvest. Agricultural production provided for 53 per cent of GDP.

But Morocco also gained from declines in the dollar, interest rates and crude oil prices. By contrast, the bank said, since the beginning of 1989 oil, the dollar and interest rates have all risen and harvests will not be as good as last year's.

The bank warned that despite five years of restructuring, Morocco was still in a precarious financial state.

It said combined consumer spending, investment and debt servicing after rescheduling totalled 205 billion dirhams (\$24.1 billion) or 113 per cent of GDP.

This required external finance totalling 12.5 billion dirhams (\$1.47 billion).

But for the first time since 1974 domestic

resources and spending were almost balanced. The deficit peaked at 12 billion dirhams (\$1.4 billion) in 1982 and stood at 6.1 billion dirhams (\$717 million) in 1987.

"This remarkable evolution is due to considerable expansion of supply by 13.8 per cent while domestic demand rose moderately by only 9.8 per cent," the bank said.

Gross capital formation rose 15.6 per cent to 37 billion dirhams (\$4.35 billion) after a decline of 3.3 per cent in 1987, and domestic savings rose 30.8 per cent to 45.4 billion dirhams (\$5.34 billion) after sinking nearly three per cent the year before.

The bank said that because unemployment remained a major problem credits would have to be allocated more to investments in productive sectors and greater efforts made to stimulate savings to finance them.

Sri Lanka hopes for economic recovery

COLOMBO, July 12, (KUNA): Sri Lanka in the midst of a grave economic and political crisis can still hope for a substantial recovery this year with prudent fiscal adjustments based on an open and market-based economy, according to a survey conducted by the Asian Development Bank.

Tracing a decade's development history of the Indian Ocean Island, the ADB in its first published report titled Asian Development Outlook 1989, just released, says the policy changes in the post-1977 period, improved Sri Lanka's investment climate and access to external capital.

But, the report notes, the nation currently faces a very difficult economic situation. The macro-economic constraints to economic growth are a high debt-service ratio, high unemployment, large interest payments on government debt, a large current account deficit and low domestic saving.

It says the inflow of external assistance which was at very high levels during the last decade, is not likely to increase further. In addition, the productivity of the massive investment programme undertaken in the past has fallen far below expectations.

"Despite these constraints," the ADB survey stresses, "Sri Lanka enjoys a number of advantages. The country still ranks high among South Asian countries in terms of most socio-economic indicators of development and over the last decade it has been instituting bold domestic policy reforms towards a competitive, open and market-based economy. These reforms need to be carried further."

"The private sector has to be induced to play a major role in the economy, through a much wider divestment of commercial type public enterprises and larger allocation of investment funds."

At the same time, the report adds, the government will have to improve the working efficiency of its already extensive involvement in the economy through reorganisation, deregulation, delegation of powers to management at enterprise levels, and greater reliance on the market mechanism. The incentives pattern in the economy, including the real exchange rates, needs to be such that the industrial sector is attracted towards export markets which have the largest potential for growth.

It says though the pursuit of very drastic austerity programmes would be difficult for Sri Lanka in view of its already delicate political situation, there is a need to bring down the budgetary and the external balance-of-payments deficits through sustained efforts at fiscal reticence and export promotion.

The Asian Development Outlook prepared by the staff of the ADB projects the growth of GDP for both 1989 and 1990 at 4.5 per cent. The agricultural sector, according to the survey, is expected to show above-normal growth of over 4 per cent because of the large expansion in irrigated areas following the completion of some downstream projects under the Mahaveli Development Scheme.



The three key members of the Anglo Group who on Tuesday launched the world's second largest takeover bid for tobacco and finance service giant BAT Industries PLC. They are from left: Jacob Rothschild, Sir James Goldsmith and Kerry Packard. (Reuters wirephoto)

Multimillionaire trio target BAT

UK takeover bid

LONDON, July 12, (Reuters): A trio of multimillionaire corporate raiders launched the world's second largest takeover bid yesterday, offering about £13 billion (\$21 billion) for tobacco and finance services giant BAT Industries PLC.

But Bat, one of the world's largest conglomerates with operations in 90 countries, quickly rejected the offer, setting the stage for what could be one of Britain's most bitter takeover battles.

Anglo Group, a takeover vehicle controlled by Anglo-French financier Sir James Goldsmith, his long-time banker friend Jacob Rothschild of Britain and Kerry Packard of Australia, valued BAT shares at £8.50 (\$13.94) each.

The total offer from the three businessmen fell well short of the world record \$25 billion which Wall Street takeover specialists Kohlberg Kravis Roberts paid last year for RJR Nabisco.

It was, however, Britain's biggest bid by far, almost four times as high as the previous record offer of the £3.5 billion (\$5.5 billion) which Hanson PLC made last month for mining group Consolidated Gold Fields PLC.

Anglo Group made no secret of a desire to break up BAT, saying in its statement of intent that retaining BAT's diverse

interests under the same group ownership — translated into "pedestrian earnings growth."

BAT chairman Patrick Sheehy latched onto Anglo's declared intentions to turn down the offer.

"It is designed to remove value from BAT Industries' own shareholders, directly to the benefit of an ad hoc troupe of financiers," he told a news conference.

The offer and re-emergence of Goldsmith on the London financial scene jolted the city's stock exchange to its highest level since the crash 1987. The FTSE index of 100 leading shares soared 46 points on the 12.07.

Anglo said BAT businesses unrelated to BAT's core tobacco interests should be sold and it offered shareholders loan notes secured on the break-up value of the companies, rather than cash.

In the United States BAT owns Brown and Williamson Tobacco, makers of Kool cigarettes, and insurance company Farmers Group Inc., which BAT won after a bitter takeover battle last year.

Anglo Group said that Farmers would be sold as soon as possible if its bid succeeded.

BAT also owns upmarket department stores Saks Fifth Avenue and Marshall Field in Chicago.

Its British interests include Benson and Hedges Tobacco, Eagle Star Insurance Company

and pulp and paper manufacturer Wiggins Teape. It owns Souza Cruz Tobacco Company in Brazil.

The conglomerate is an attractive target for raiders after boosting pre-tax profits by 18 per cent last year to £1.64 billion (\$2.69 billion) on turnover of £17.65 billion (\$28.95).

A report on BAT last month by Shearson Lehman Hutton analyst Christopher Alexander called it a low-risk, high-asset company in which "investors can expect a fast growth dividend stream from an established premium base."

Alexander said BAT, which "has built up an earning momentum which like a super tanker would be difficult to stop," was undervalued and predicted its share price could double to about £10.80 (\$17.70).

Goldsmith returned to the corporate arena in Britain two months ago when, together with Rothschild and Packard, he snapped up nearly 30 per cent of food giant rank Hovis McDougall PLC for £415 million (\$680 million).

Born in Paris into a European banking family, Goldsmith amassed millions by buying into companies and then selling the stock for huge profits after takeover speculation had boosted share prices.

EEC wants single central government

BRUSSELS, Belgium, July 12, (AP): A majority of EEC citizens would like to see a single, central government for the European Economic Community by 1992, according to figures released today by the EEC Commission.

According to "Eurobarometer," a public opinion survey published regularly by the commission, 56 per cent of those polled said they were in favour of a European government responsible to the European Parliament.

The survey was taken in March and April, some two months before the European Parliament elections held in the 12 EEC nations between June 15 and 18.

Despite British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's abhorrence of the idea of unification, three respondents out of four in Britain were "very much for" or "to some extent" for European unification, a rise of nine points on the last survey taken in autumn 1988.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 11/07/1989				
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12/7	Hual Traveller	A.M. Bahar	2458991	
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17/7	Oceanus	Algh Barwil	4842988	
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15/7	Golden Harvest	M.A. Bahar	2433881	
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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



A scene from Walt Disney movie, KTV2

KTV2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 The Real Ghostbusters cartoon series
6.30 Take Hart: a new educational series for children
7.00 The Industrious Bees: A look at how honey is gathered.

7.30 T and T: "Mickey's Choice." Mickey wants to learn the ways of the world. Starring: Mr. T.

8.00 News in English
8.40 Beauty and the Beast: Catherine's life is under threat. Will Vincent come in time to save her? Starring: Linda Hamilton, Ron Perlman.

10.30 Thursday's Feature Film: "The Outlaw." 1943. Starring: Walter Huston, Thomas Mitchell, Jane Russell, Jack Beutel. Notorious sexy Western about Billy the Kid, Doc Holiday and his mentor, who loves him.

12.00 News Summary: Magazine. D'Actualite, Holy Quran/Closedown



A scene from Real Ghostbusters cartoon series, KTV2

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon, 4 to 7.00 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts—rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Tareq Rajab Museum
Sat-Thurs.: 9-12 noon and 4-7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

SOCIAL

KAPILKU Children's Contest

AUGUST 11: KAPILKU will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosale Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang—Tel: 483447.

Bangladesh Association

JULY 21: The association invites all Bangladeshis to join the Bangladesh Library as founder/life members. Those who are interested can contact any executive member of the association on July 21 from 6 to 8 pm at the embassy premises. A meeting will be held at the embassy premises on August 4 to discuss the formation of the library.

British Council

JULY 19, (6 pm), July 20 (10.30 am). The Magical World of Gigi, a children's film, will be shown at the British Council premises in Mansouriya. It is the story of Princess Gigi who lives in the Kingdom of Fairyland. She is sent to Earth and with her magic wand, she transforms herself into a super-girl to make people's dreams come true.

July 22, July 23 (6.30 pm): This month's feature film is An

Englishman Abroad. Based by Alan Bennett on the real-life meeting between Burgess and Coral Browne, filmed on location in London, Glasgow, Dundee. Alan Bates is Burgess. Admission is free for both movies but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204; 253-3227.

United Goans
AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music/satirical evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140. Anicet 2439249 after 6 pm.

Farewell pictures
Photographs taken at the farewell reception for outgoing Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha, organised by the Indian community, are available from Sami Farooqi. Those who are interested in getting a copy of their contact Tel: 2446489.

Kapilku Children's Contest
AUGUST 18: Kapilku will hold the Little Mr and Ms. Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Kuwait Plaza Hotel. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosale Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang—Tel: 483447.

Tivim Centre
OCT. 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await. For further information contact the organisers.

Eid Milan
JULY 14, Friday: An Eid Milan reception will be held at the Embassy of Pakistan between 9-11 am. All Pakistanis are cordially invited to attend.

D'Assisi Social Evening
AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine

Armet, Shop No. 34, Al Karak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

HOTELS

At the Kuwait Plaza
Enjoy the fun, join the celebration of fun and games every Friday at Al Dallah coffee shop where you enjoy all kinds of delicious food. Continental dishes, mezzah, special sweets and Arabic ice-cream. A unique ambience with the most celebrated magician in town. A gift for every child. Fun for the whole family with Walt Disney characters. KD3,000 per child, KD4,500 per adult.

Loulwah corner: Featuring delights of Arabic ice-cream with nine different flavours specially made for the Kuwait Plaza by Syrian experts. Also offers jumbo size of all sorts of sandwiches ranging from the famous Lebanese "forouji"; chicken with garlic to steak sandwiches with the Plaza special touch. The famous old player Fawzi Jamal who sings the best of the good old days songs. A special 4 course lunch for only KD2,500.

Marco Polo: Enjoy the authentic Italian atmosphere which makes you feel that you are in the heart of Rome. Taste the real Italian lasagne and spaghetti with the largest size of pizza and savour your favourite Italian dishes while you are listening to Stan and Alice, the famous duo in town.

At the SAS
WELCOME on board Al Boom. Dine on our delicious mezzah buffet followed by your favourite speciality from our wide selection of fine charcoal grills and finish off with della coffee or have a puff from the hubble bubble/pipe. Dinner daily and lunch every Thursday and Friday. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

At the Movenpick
CHICKEN promotion upto July 16 at the Movenpick restaurant includes light chicken cream soup; chicken in the basket served with french fries, sauce tartar; chicken breast, breaded and stuffed with herb butter and served with seasonal vegetables and french fries. Chicken breast curcuma topped with creamed curcuma sauce, served with brown rice. Pan fried chicken bread in creamy vegetables sauce and ginger served with white rice. Chicken korma, spiced with Indian herbs served with pillau rice.

FRIDAY

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Silver Hawk: cartoon serial
6.30 Inter Bang: Gianni and Bruno meet the professor; meanwhile, a gang tries to use magical powers to find a killer.
7.00 Walt Disney Movie: tonight's movie tells the story of a boy who is accused of being a coward by his family and friends.

8.00 News in English
8.30 Breaking Away
8.50 Miami Vice: The wife of a gang boss dies in a police shootout; the boss vows revenge.
9.30 David Copperfield: American illusionist David presents a show filled with magical moments.

10.30 Friday's Movie: "Super Swooper". Starring: Terence Hill, Ernest Borgnine. Danny believes he has super talents and tries to convince others of his prowess. Comedy.
11.30 News summary: Magazine d'Actualite; Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.20 Local children programme: Mama Aneesa and Children



Younis Shalabi in Arabic film Qaher Al Fursan on KTV 1 at 4.00 pm on Friday

10.00 Songs
10.30 Cartoon film
12.00 Local programme: Heward Wa Nagham
1.00 News in Brief
1.05 World Today via Satellite
1.30 Cartoon serial: Flouna
1.50 Eid meeting
3.05 Religious encyclopedia
3.35 Cartoon serial: Bibi folk and Climaro
4.00 English film
6.00 Songs
6.40 Arabic serial: One Thousand Nights and One Night
7.20 Religious programme
7.50 Cultural programme
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Local play: Lubat Al Karasi. Starring: Hayat Al Fahd
11.30 Arabic film: Al Jou' (Hunger). Starring: Suad Hosni, Mahmoud Abdulaziz
1.00 News in brief
1.05 World Today via Satellite and closedown.

FRIDAY

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.20 Walt Disney
10.35 Religious programme
11.00 Juma Prayers
12.30 Local programme: Alwan
1.00 News in Brief
1.05 World Today via Satellite
1.35 Cartoon serial: Flouna
2.00 Eid meeting: local programme



A scene from T and T, 7.30 pm, KTV2

4.00 Arabic feature film: Qaher Al Fursan. Starring: Younis Shalabi
6.00 Songs
7.00 Kuwait in a week: local programme

8.40 Weekly talk by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Wrestling
10.40 Local play: Lubat Al

Karasi
11.20 Arabic film
1.00 News in brief
1.05 World Today via Satellite and closedown.

CINEMA

Al Andalus Arabic film
Al Salmiya Gragnet
Al Hamra Raising Arizona
Al Firdous Sagar Sangam
Fahadheel Open Air Sachche Ka Bol Bala
Al Fahadheel Wild Force
Al Jahra Awaaz
Drive-In Arabic film
Granada Simon Peter Nin Aku
Al Sulaibikhat No Time to Die
Al Jleeb Awaaz
Ahmadi Drive In They Went That Way

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Granada Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem St.
Ujail Pharmacy
Mubarakia, Palesine St.
Hawalli and Nagra Kuwait Pharmacy
Nagra, Qutaiba St.
Salmiya and Rumeithiya Al Bader Pharmacy
Salmiya, Blajat St.
Fahadheel and Ahmadi Al Ittihad, Fahadheel Makkah St.
Farwaniya
Al Madina Pharmacy Northern St.
Jahra
Zahra Pharmacy New commercial market
FRIDAY
Kuwait
Al Mojil Pharmacy
Abdulla Al Mubarak St.
Al Tharyan Pharmacy
Bibi Al Salem Complex Shop No. 2

Hawalli and Nagra Al Ikhlas Pharmacy
Nagra, Beirut St.
Salmiya and Rumeithiya Randa Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.
Fahadheel and Ahmadi Sadaf Pharmacy
Fahadheel, Makkah St.
Farwaniya
Yasemin Pharmacy Main St.
Jahra
Abraj Pharmacy
Dubol Al Khuzaei St.

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.24 am
Zuhr	11.54
Asr	3.28 pm
Maghreb	6.50
Isha	8.20
FRIDAY	
Fajr	3.25 am
Friday Prayer	11.54
Asr	3.28 pm
Maghreb	6.49
Isha	8.20

Kodak photographic know-how

High-speed blood chemistry analyser

KODAK has applied its photographic technology to the medical laboratory, and come up with a system for high-speed, user friendly blood testing.

At the heart of the Ektachem process are clinical slides which are layered with chemical reagents, in much the same way as photographic film is layered with light-sensitive chemicals.

The process has been labelled 'dry chemistry' — the only liquid required is the minute quantity, one drop, of the serum or plasma to be analysed.

Up to 30 different tests can be carried out using the various individually wrapped and chemical impregnated slides, including all of the most frequent tests performed in hospitals and medical clinics.

"The system is very user-friendly," explained Mike Saba, manager of Kodak (Near East) Inc.'s Health Sciences Products Division. "The operator simply places a drop of blood serum on one of the slides in the analyser."

All the slides are bar-coded, so that the analyser's computer can identify the particular test being performed.

Analysers are available in three basic models, from the desktop DT60 capable of performing up to 10 tests in seven minutes, to the 700P analyser designed for high-throughput use in hospitals.

In Kuwait, the Ektachem analysers are marketed by Bader Sultan & Bros. Co., sole agents for Kodak clinical products.



Kuwait Sheraton staff during Eid Al Adha festivities. For details see What's On column.

FLASSIK's prescription

How to have an enjoyable summer!

THE Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait has lined up activities for those people who will be staying in Kuwait during the hot desert months. While making sure that everyone will have a wonderful time during these projects, participants are also contributing a portion of their blessings to those unfortunate Filipinos who are cared for by FLASSIK's welfare projects, since the proceeds of these fundraising projects are channelled into FLASSIK's priority welfare activities.

On Saturday, July 22, FLASSIK will

hold its "Caribbean Night," an evening guaranteed to have the enchantment of the exotic Caribbean islands. One of the highlights of this event is the search for the "Claypo Queen" and her consort. So all of you out there, forget about the infernal heat and sandstorms, join us at the Holiday Inn. Al-Andalus Supper Club and be transported to the mystical isles of romance and suspense. Tickets at KD 5 are now available from FLASSIK officers and other outlets.

Registration is also going on for FLAS-

SIK's search for the Voice of the 90's. We're inviting all of you minstrels out there to contact FLASSIK officers since there are many fabulous prizes donated by generous sponsors that will be presented to those with the sultry, melodious voices.

For more details, please contact: VP Chary Nepomuceno, Tel: 5624509, Lorna Adil, Tel: No. 5312700; Rose Formantes, Tel: 4843601, Araceli Cayaba, Tel: 3940600 ext. 4118.

Colouring time

Here is one of the seven dwarfs, can you name all seven? Which fairy tale brought these characters to fame?



Firsts and lasts

The first British commercial television went on the air on 22nd September, 1955 and the first product advertised was Gibbs' SR toothpaste.

One of the twentieth century's most celebrated conductors, Leopold Stockowski, first conducted an orchestra when he was only 12 years old.

The last time cutting down a tree without permission in Britain was an offence punishable by hanging was in 1819.

Lady Astor, Britain's first woman MP, was born in America.

The first performance of one of Mozart's best-loved operas, Don Giovanni, took place only the day after he had finished writing it.

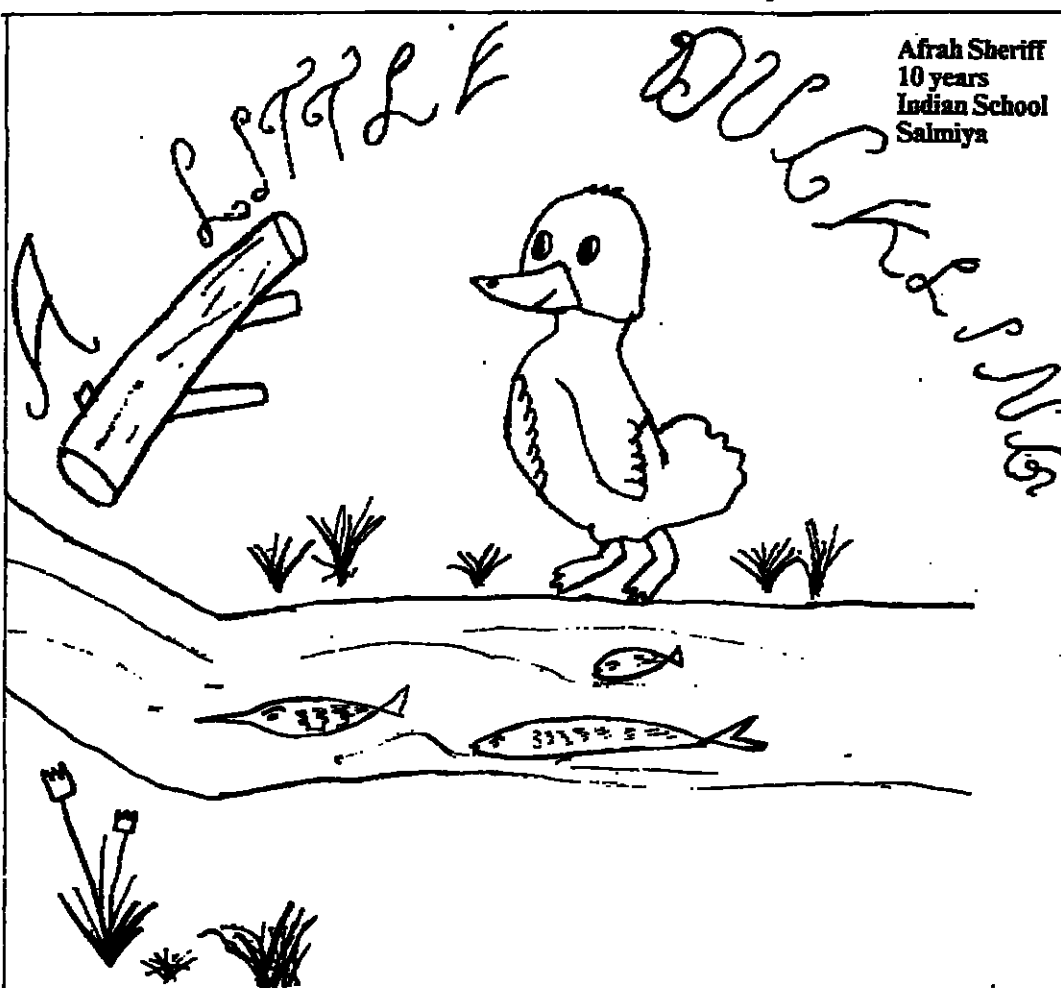
In Spain the first of April is called Boob day.

The first all-British motor car was the 1895 Lanchester.

One in ten of the men who died in Britain in 1976 died of lung cancer.

The first Olympics were held in Athens in 1896, with nine nations competing.

The first bridge over the River Tiber in Rome, was the Ponte Rotto, which was in use for 1,717 years.



Dear Junior Readers,

To be obsessed is to think about something or someone continuously. All you do, all you eat, all you drink will depend on the object you are obsessed by. For instance if you are obsessed by your kitten, you will automatically turn your life around to suit the kitten's feeding times, playing times, bathing times and so on. So if you used to eat at the time you find your kitten hungry, you will leave your food and go make sure your kitten eats first ... does this sound familiar? Have you felt obsessed by something yet?

If you have you better be careful that the obses-

sion does not ruin your daily programme too much or you will find great difficulty trying to get back to normal during schooldays awaiting in the horizon.

If you are obsessed by a certain sport like tennis, try to avoid practising at the time you would normally be studying, this will make you feel jumpy and your concentration will be minimised.

JUNIOR TIMES would like to hear about anything that obsesses you and why, so write in with a photograph of yourself, your age, school and telephone number. Your topic may be as short as ten lines!

We are waiting ...

Manal

Spring

See the lovely flowers below, and watch how the buds grow.

See the first white butterfly,

and another fluttering by.

Hark! the lambs are bleating

and the lovely birds are meeting

See the sunrise,

and a fox who is very wise.

Hibah Rahmani

VID

Lost

Lost, lost, everything is lost

I lost my bag, I lost my books

I lost everything with my tooth!

Mariam Rahmani

Class II

Amazing facts

Children of the Nanay tribe in Siberia live long distances from school and travel there by skis pulled by dogs.

The first occasion when a flag was flown at half-mast as a mark of respect for the dead was in 1612. It was lowered to half-mast when the captain of a ship had been killed by Eskimos.

Man-made satellites were first suggested by Sir Isaac Newton in a work published in 1687.

In India in 1970 there was a school in the Jamma district with one pupil and one teacher.

A hippopotamus can run faster than a man.

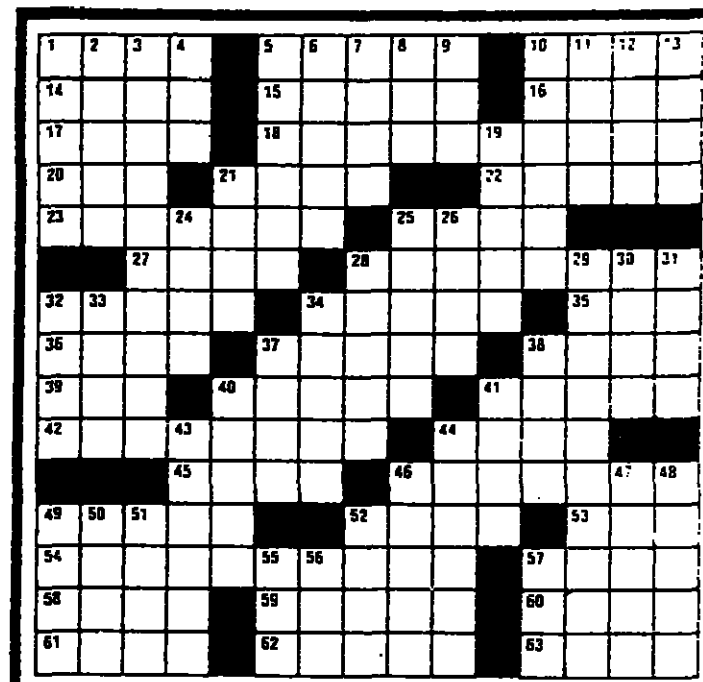
Louis Braille who invented a system of reading for the blind, developed it from messages used by French troops who punched marks in paper so they could be read at night without the use of light.

When the Palace of Versailles was built there were no bathrooms or lavatories in the whole of the building.

The last British king to take part in a battle was George II at the Battle of Dettingen in 1743.

Anna Karenina, heroine of Leo Tolstoy's book, died in a railway station. In 1910 Tolstoy himself died in a railway station.

Crossword



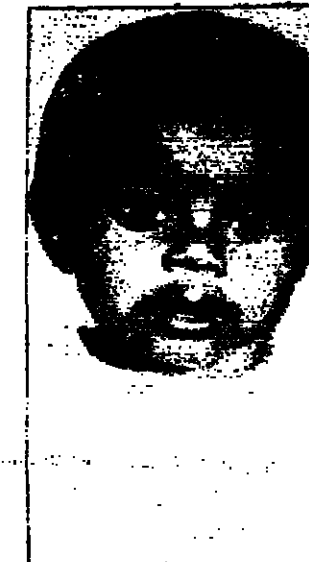
Happy birthday



Reneto Zico Fernandes celebrates his 6th birthday today, July 13th. Reneto is in grade I of the New Indian School. Best wishes on your birthday from Monty, Mylain, Aveline and Francis X Fernandes.



Mohammed Saleem Ahmed will be celebrating his second birthday on 14 July. Many happy returns of the day from dad, mum, grandfather, relatives and friend Anna.



Mohammed Shabbir Ahmed will be celebrating his first birthday on 15 July. Many happy returns of the day from, dad, mum, relatives, grandfather and friend Anna.

FISHY TALE

BARRACUDA

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CATFISH

COALFISH

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CONGER EEL

CUTTLEFISH

ELECTRIC EEL

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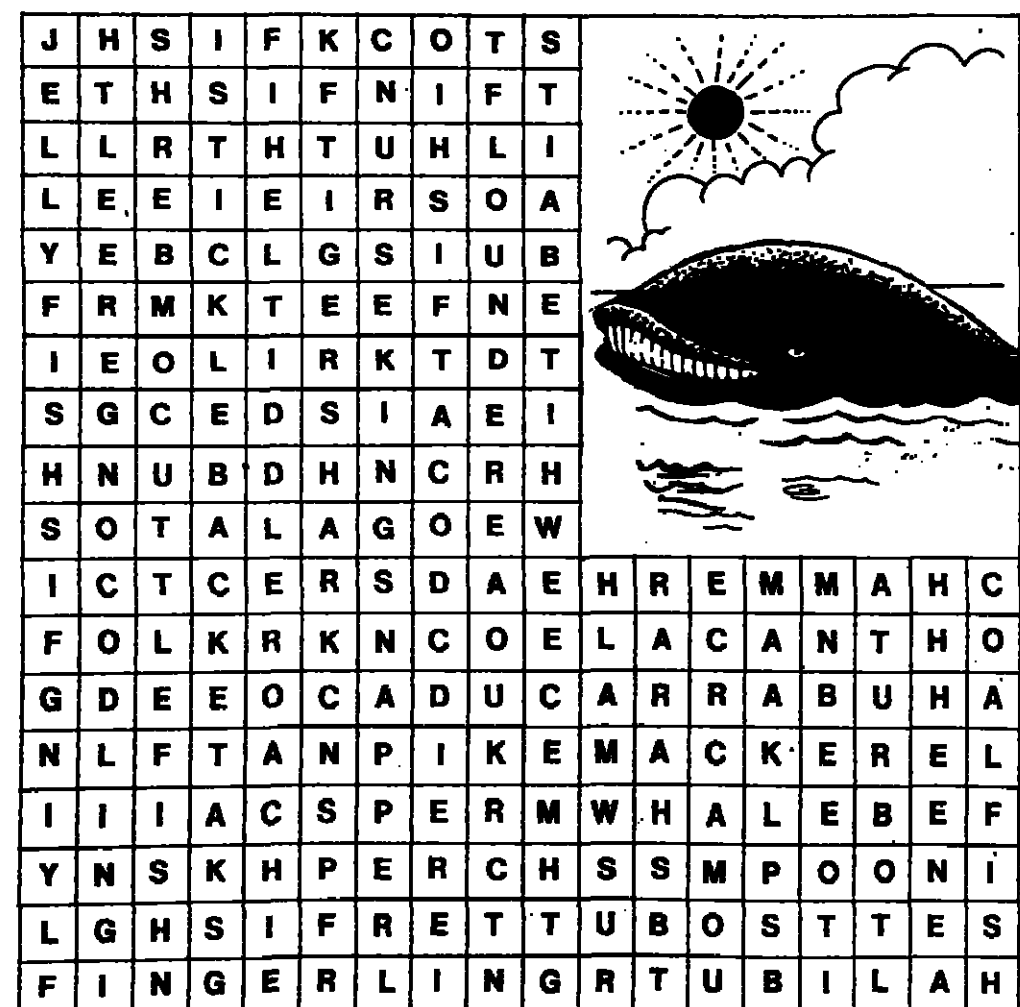
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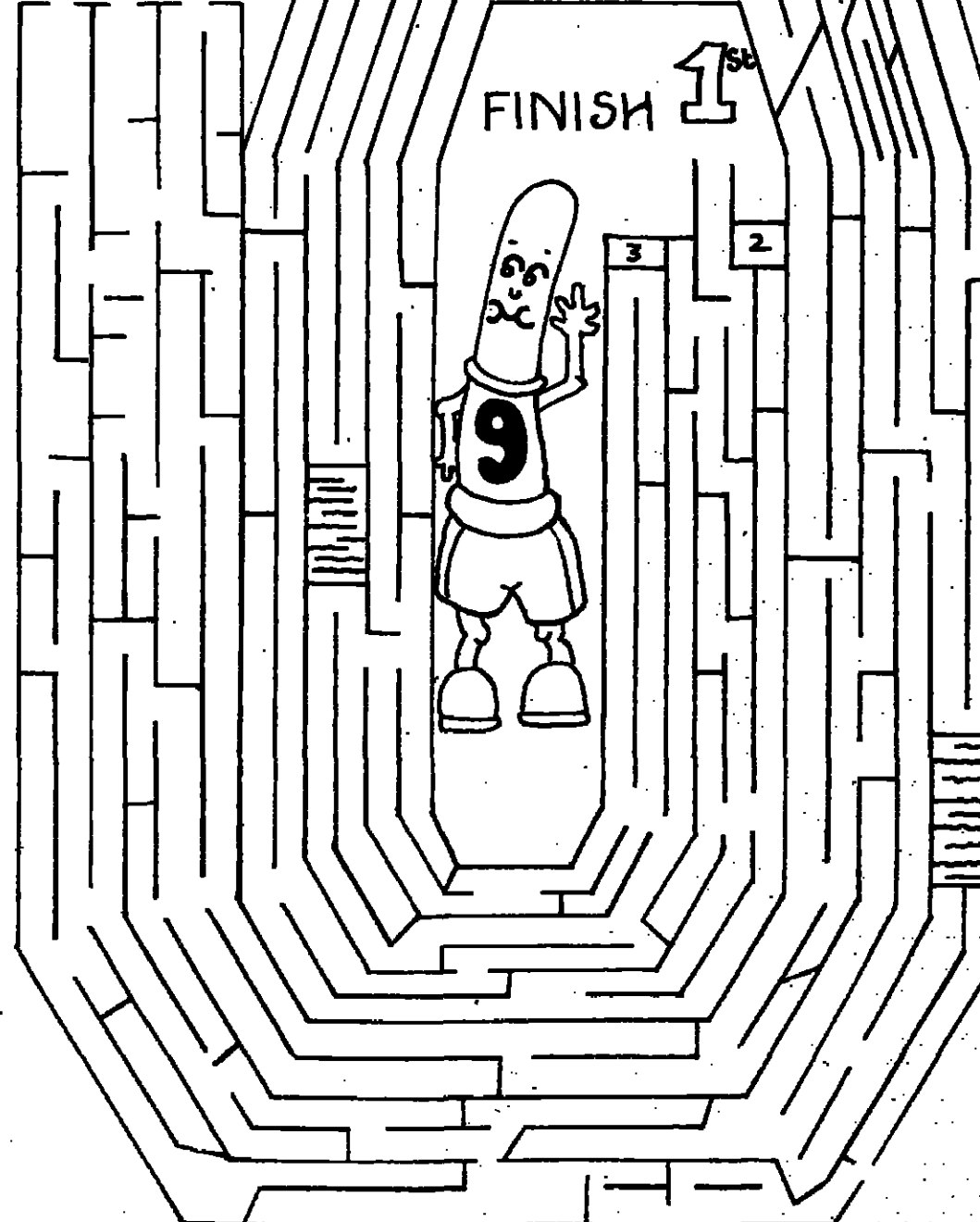
WHITEBAIT



Clue: Nessy! (3,4,4,7 letters)

RUNNER'S RACE

Pick a lane to see which way Runner Bean went. START.



A baby girl!



Congrat's to Christopher & Sabrina Menezes on the birth of their baby girl — Jade Monica on 9-7-1999. From Laurie and Mona Menezes; Arthur & Elgina Mirander the proud "first-time" grandparents. Hope she gets out of intensive care and live a wonderful life.

Birthday coupon

Is your birthday to come soon? Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times? Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that it is your birthday! Or maybe you would like to surprise your best friend, brother or sister by putting their picture in for them. The details we need are:

Name: _____
Date of birth: _____
School: _____
Hobbies: _____
Telephone: _____
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Political pressures at play

Film awards head south

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

THE annual ritual of National Awards given away by the Indian president in New Delhi becomes a barometer for better cinema being produced in the country. This year the pointing finger of attention was aimed at the South, especially films in Malayalam and Telugu, but surprisingly very few in Kannada and none in Tamil. Hindi films scored minor victories.

From 106 feature films in all languages entered for the honours, only 17 proved worthy and shared a total of 31 awards. But the maximum number of eighteen prizes was cornered by films from the South, while Hindi ones managed to get nine, and one award each went to Kannada, Assamese, Oriya and English language films. It is very strange that not a single film in Bengali, Marathi or Gujarati was considered prize worthy by the jury in any category, including Aparna Sen's *Sati* with Shabana.

Once again, we had the sorry sight of a few films being loaded with several awards. The Malayalam *Piravi* and Telugu *Daasi* got five each, while *Rudra Veena* (Telugu) got three and *Vaishali* (Malayalam) won two. *Rugmini* was declared the best Malayalam film and *Manu uncle* the best children's film. No doubt, these films had high artistic and thematic merits. But what is the point in declaring that the best films also have the best direction, photography, screenplay, recording, art direction, etc? These awards could go to encourage other films.

It is also lamentable that these films were not commercially released, even in the government's own art theatres. The only consolation was a sudden showing on TV — that too on Sunday afternoons — the worst time to promote a difficult art film, since it's a day filled with the best programmes on TV, cable TV, video, while many people also go out. To some extent, political pressures were also at play in deciding the awards. The maximum went to those regions ruled by the opposition and which the ruling party wants to woo. *Piravi* which got the highest award of the Golden Lotus is from Kerala.

A lady MP close to Bombay's Hussain brothers was said to have pulled the strings for the unexpected honours got by *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak* and its hero Aamir Khan. The film got the Silver Lotus



Ashok Kumar receives the Phalke award from President R. Venkataraman.

and Rs60,000 for "presenting fresh and clean charm on celluloid with discerning imagination." The citation for Aamir sounds even more funny, with the special mention stating: "The jury desires to highlight the imaginative, innovative and promising performance of character roles by him in *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak* and *Raakh*."

All this sounds surprising for a passable romantic film, which advocates suicide for disappointed lovers and where Aamir has acted like any other charming young hero. Among other films *Salam Bombay* which glorifies delinquent children, fallen women and drug peddlars was declared the best Hindi film and its boy actor Shafig Syed as the year's best child artiste. The main acting awards went to the South — old Premji as best actor for *Piravi* and young Archana best actress for *Daasi*.

The supporting trophies fell to the share of Bombay.... Pankaj Kapoor for *Raakh* and Utra Baakar *Ek Din Achanak*. Surprisingly, the two films or their directors Aditya Bhattacharya and Mrinal Sen did not win anything. *Trishagni* by aged Nabendu Ghosh got the award for the first work of a director and Sudhir Mishra's *Main Zinda Hoon* was given another strange award "for portraying the saga of the agony of middle-class working women." For all these awards, pressures from the NFDC look too obvious. The quaint English film (also shown on TV) *In Which Annie Gives It To Those Ones* also managed two prizes. As for documentaries, the jury chairman Homi Sethna followed Shabana Azmi's example by using the platform of the awards function to criticise the TV centre and Films Division for not releasing short films that go against the establishment.

And our sympathies go to the other ninety producers of feature films who sent their entries, paid the fees and blocked up their prints, just to see that seventeen films walked away with all the available awards.



Dimple Kapadia: 'Men are selfish and dominating'

Dimple: Challenges

Q. You were rejected by director J.P. Dutta for *Halkar* and still you have completed his opus *Batwara* and are dubbing for it right now. How do you feel?

A. Changes in casting are normal during the planning stage of a film. When I look back I do not feel sorry about *Halkar*. Yes, I had missed being in *Batwara*, it would have been a loss to me, as an actress. When recall those scenes, memories of our hard work in the deserts of Rajasthan, the team spirit of the unit, I get a sense of satisfaction.

Q. What kind of a role are you playing in *Batwara*?
A. I had to become a Punjabi 'jat' woman. I took the opportunity in Rajasthan to observe the people of that community, their dresses, behaviour, peculiar style. I also taped the whole dialogue on my recorder and kept practising it. Cinegoers will be surprised to see me in this form.

Q. Your timing with the director and producer?
A. In this case, Dutta believes in discipline and tolerates no interference. So he has the 'angry' image. Producer Salim is very liberal with his budget and cares for the unit. Such big films can't be made, without both these things.

Q. Your opinion of men?
A. They are the same. Selfish and dominating. But all this should change now. Women must take their rightful place by any means.

Q. What qualities do you like in them?
A. They must be emotional, even if they are not the tall and handsome type.

Q. Unlike other stars, you don't have too many films.
A. I have kept it to 10 or 12 at a time. That way I don't over-work and can give enough attention to each character. Now I only want roles where I can do something, prove something.

Q. Do you hope to achieve that in the present set-up?
A. Yes, I want directors who are sincere, hard-working and perfect. I can forgive them their other faults, like over-shooting, delays, etc, if they shape excellent characters and give us something we can really act with. I am tired of hackneyed roles.

Q. Is that why you are doing art films also these days?
A. Yes, I was very keen to work with Govind Nihalani. Talks are going on. I am doing *Karm Yodha* with his brother Dayal, though I don't know much about him. But the "rushes" show that he is very promising. Then, there is Muzaffar Ali's "Zooni" being shot in Kashmir in different seasons. It's a tough job but a very unusual role, of a poetess of the past. I don't exactly know what Muzaffar is doing all the time. But the film is an exciting challenge.

Behind the Screen

Ashok Kumar who won the Dadasaheb Phalke award this year seemed very fond of narrating this anecdote to the press, whenever he was asked about acting. Once he saw Dilip Kumar running round the studio several times because he had to do a scene of panting and heavy breathing. So Ashok at once asked him: "What will you do when you have to do a dying scene?"

Some producers like Sultan Ahmed keep their releases pending to time their run with auspicious occasions like Eid. He has done it with his latest *Daasi*. And he has also included scenes which emphasise Hindu-Muslim unity and communal harmony in general.

The height and hulk of Chunky are superseded only by

his brother named as Chikki. Till now, the other brother has not told his parents to make him a star. But if he ever decided to be one, then he will pose tough competition to Chunky and the health of the medical Pandey family will be in danger.

Aamir Khan and family blundered about the National Award, when the results were declared. They celebrated Aamir having won the best actor award, only to discover that it was a special mention by the jury and the real prize had gone to Kerala's 80-year-old Premji. Anyway modest Aamir at once apologised, and also swore to work harder in future.

Mithun's latest hobby is palmistry and astrology. Looking at his flops, he probably needs all the help he can get.

Star slips

Ashok Kumar: I have seen the film industry sinking five times. This time it really is sinking.

Sunny: I can never become a politician. I can't make a speech on a public platform.

Neelam: I am made such that I just cannot play a pure Indian woman or even an avenging angel.

Archana Puran Singh: Flirt-

ing is harmless. A slightly flirtatious person is very good company.

Govinda: Yes, my brother and I do interfere with the scripts of my starrers. Actually, we offer suggestions and I think it is my right. People may call it interference.

Kim: If Dimple and I are made to stand together, I will look more glamorous.

The Art Buchwald Column

Take me over

with a distinct English accent said, "I don't believe that Nummi-Nummi-Summi still owns this business. My firm, London Grabbers Associates, made a successful raid on Al & Rose's this morning. We bought the whole kit and caboodle for \$1 billion."

"That can't be true," the Japanese man retorted. "No one would offer to pay such a sum for this establishment."

"We're not going to keep it all. Our American subsidiary plans to spin off the stools in the lunch room to the West Germans and just hold on to the convenience store."

Rose popped out of the kitchen. "Who ordered the corned beef hash?"

A Arab businessman waltzed in with his entourage. He checked the

tables and the condition of the jukebox, and then told one of his lackeys, "Call Drexel Burnham and have them make an offer to acquire everything."

"You want to own this place?"

"This and every building on Route 312 from Baltimore to Atlanta."

"Now, see here, my good man. Al & Rose's is ours. You have to deal with us for either the kit or the caboodle," the Englishman said.

"No, we don't. It was sold this morning to the Tortellini Brothers. They put it on the market 15 minutes after they gained control."

Rose asked, "Al, what's going on?"

"We're being bought and sold by every multinational in the Swiss telephone book. Our business is now

worth \$3 billion, and there are buyers standing in line."

"Oh, yeh," Rose said, "and if they take us over, who is going to cook the scrambled eggs and hash browns?"

"I don't believe they've thought that far ahead, Rose. They're only interested in the market value of our place."

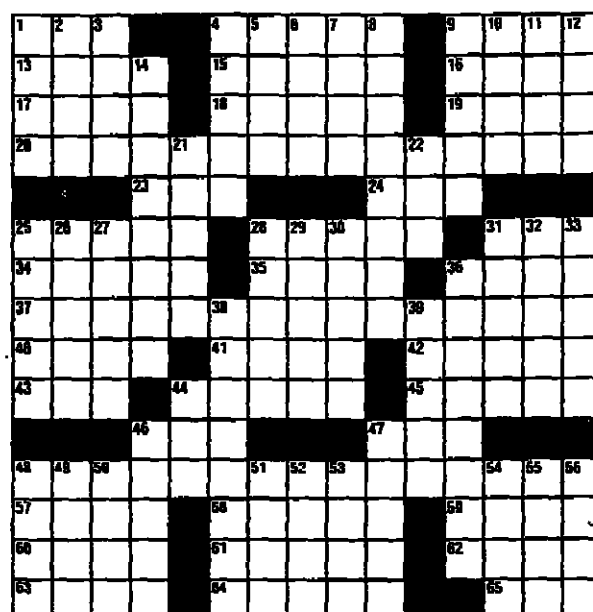
The phone rang and Al answered it. He turned to the people at the counter and yelled, "It's Salomon Brothers. They want me to tell everyone here that they have a mystery client from Brunei who is willing to pay \$4 billion for the jukebox alone."

The bidding lasted for over an hour. The Arab businessman and the Englishman were getting ready to leave when Al shouted, "You each owe me five bucks for breakfast."

The Englishman replied, "Everyone knows that people who deal with takeovers never carry cash. We'll send you a junk bond instead."

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ACROSS

1 Organic duct
4 Actors Alan and Robert
9 Mosel feeder
13 — the day would never end
15 — Loa
16 Eye
17 — Verde
18 Test
19 — I say more
20 Have a ball
23 Chou-en —
24 Kind of sayer
25 Guest house in Washington, D.C.

DOWN

1 Hard-hearted Hannah was one
2 Sailing
3 Affirmative, in Avila
34 Ladder parts
35 Wall Street type
36 — of the moon
37 Ashen
40 Office copy, for short
41 "And Then There —
42 English liquid measure
43 Belorussia, e.g.
44 Social reformer

11 Not windward
12 Comic Fox
14 Ribbed window
21 Ankle bones
22 Roll of dough
25 Nerve
26 Powerful desires
27 Egyptian peacemaker
28 As red as —
29 Soul's partner
30 Makes better
31 Molars
32 River to the Rhine
33 Playful swimmer
36 Red, — blue
38 Heel, of a sort
39 Sound of enjoyment
44 Blenish
46 Instruct
47 Gusset
48 Sometimes it's furrowed
49 Site of a Napoleonic victory
50 Army division
51 Philippine machete
52 Blue, in Dresden
53 Mel and family

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TOO OBVIOUS TO SEE

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ 4 3 2
♥ K 7 5
♦ K 10
♣ A K J 6 2

WEST
♠ J 10 9 8 6
♥ Q 10 3
♦ 6 4 3
♣ 5 4

EAST
♠ 7 5
♥ J 8 6 4
♦ A Q 5
♣ Q 10 9 7

SOUTH

♠ A K Q
♥ A 9 2
♦ J 8 7 2
♣ 8 3

The bidding:

North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 N ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

In an attempt to make his contract on today's hand, declarer chose a not unreasonable line. He would have earned our sympathy for going down, were it not for the fact that he had a sure-trick line available.

South had plenty in reserve for his jump to two no trump, but it was not a bid we would have chosen! With so many prime cards, South should have first probed for a diamond fit because there could easily be slam in the hand. To make mat-

ters worse, South's play was even worse than his bidding.

After a spade lead, declarer could count seven fast tricks. He saw that two more could be developed if the club finesse were to work or, if it failed, if the suit were to divide evenly. So he won the first trick in hand and unsuccessfully finessed the jack of clubs.

East shifted to a low heart. Declarer again won in hand and went after the clubs. But the suit broke 4-2—according to the odds—and another heart from East meant that declarer could take no more than eight tricks.

Unfortunately for his side, declarer had tried to develop his second-best asset. Had he paid more attention to his holding, he might have seen that there was no way that he could be prevented from scoring three diamond tricks!

After winning the opening lead declarer should simply have led a diamond to the king. Even if East holds up, declarer continues with a diamond. East can win and shift to a heart. But declarer wins in hand and forces out the queen of diamonds. He still has a spade entry in hand to cash his diamond winners and make an overtrick.

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DUETS VASCO
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WETGROUNDS OLEG
EXTRA POET RING
STEAL ERIS MAAS



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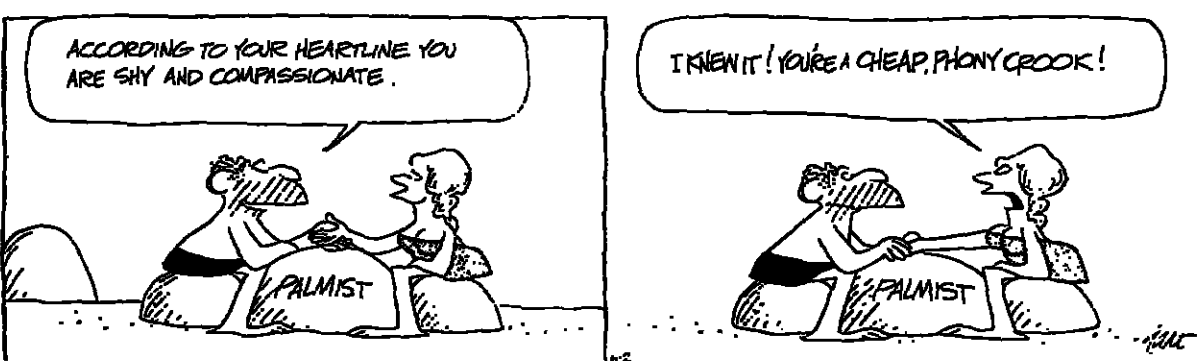
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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You have a great deal to do, but being flustered will not help you to do it more quickly. Your lucky numbers are 7 and 53. Do not think that admitting it when you are wrong is demeaning. Do not pester others by phones. Be loyal.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Make sure you do not betray a confidence. Do what has to be done whilst it is fresh in your mind. Do not think it is somehow unimportant to employ a calculator. Be tactful.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Show the respect to your elders and superiors they deserve, but do not be subservient. Something you thought you knew all about will turn out to have some hidden aspects. You are more liable to make a mistake about time and date, so take care. Be abstemious.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Something you thought would be a matter of minutes will take longer than that. Make sure you do not discard the instruction book to an electronic device. Avoid force where persuasion has not succeeded. Be frugal.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

Avoid being quite so secretive, but do not go to the opposite extreme either. Make sure you are suitably dressed for the weather and the occasion. Try to avoid complicated terminology. Be punctual.



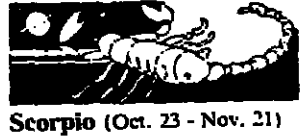
Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You should not take all you hear quite so literally. Something you have been trying to master for a long time will suddenly fall into place. Make sure you do not forget about some pills you have been prescribed. Be sympathetic.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You are rather too inclined to take seriously something told to you as a joke. Do all you can to avoid eyestrain. A repair should not be delayed—if you do delay an accident might result. Be reliable.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should make sure you obey limits whether of speed or propriety. The solution to a puzzle is not where you are seeking it. You would be wrong to wait for others to make the first move. Be more cautious.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Something you think that everyone can do will turn out not to be all that easy. What you have said will prove to be right, but do not boast about it. Make sure you do not do anything that would be bound to injure your health. Be tidy.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

A small change will result in a great improvement. Others will not give you and your contribution the credit you think you deserve. If you are tired try to avoid doing anything that requires careful attention. Be moderate.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Something you have been taking for granted will turn out to be not at all what you have thought. You should try to make a little better use of the time at your disposal. You will have good ideas but it is probably a little premature; keep it until later. Be sincere.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

If you ask for too much you may end up with less than you should have got. You are liable to miscalculate and should be sure to check your figures. Somebody you thought was on your side will turn out to have been. Be fair.

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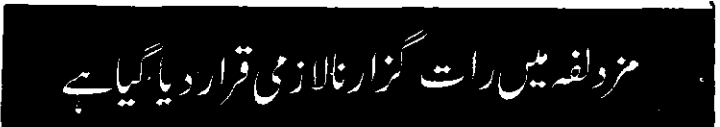
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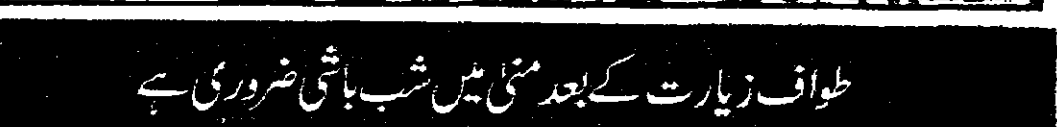
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Williams vows to surprise Tyson

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, July 12, (UPI) — Challenger Carl "The Truth" Williams plans on making his real money for fighting heavyweight champion Mike Tyson by granting a rematch after pulling off an upset.

For now, vengeance serves as his motivation for his July 21 bout at the Convention Centre against the undisputed 23-year-old champion.

This is a grudge match for Williams because of the time Tyson, who is 36-0 with 32 knockouts, has kept Williams salivating for a shot at the championship, and for what happened between them years ago in a gym in the New York Catskills, when a young Tyson was brought in as a sparring partner for Williams.

"I'm finally getting my due," said Williams, 29, who is 22-2 and ranked No. 1 by the International Boxing Federation. "Whether he was ducking me or whatever, he just didn't want to fight."

"I mean he was picking guys off the street before he fought me," Williams said. "You name him, he fought him, but he never would give me a shot."

Williams sparred four rounds yesterday in a small, concrete-block gym in nearby Pleasantville. He moved his training camp there for the day after a skirmish with the Tyson camp over who had rights to the boxing ring set up in a ballroom at Trump Plaza Hotel Casino.

Williams fought for the heavyweight championship once before but lost a close 15-round decision to Larry Holmes in 1985. His other loss came in 1986 in a second-round knockout by Mike Weaver.

Managerial and personal problems then kept Williams out of the ring for about two years, until he made a comeback in June 1987 with a victory over Bert Cooper. Williams last fought in November, beating Mike Rouse with a third-round TKO.

Ira Leibowitz, Williams' manager, said Tyson delayed meeting Williams for so long because he remembered the damage Williams inflicted on him when they were sparring partners.

"As legend goes, Carl Williams on the first day of meeting Mike Tyson was told by Cus D'Amato, who was Mike Tyson's manager, 'please don't hurt the kid,'" Leibowitz said.

"Meanwhile, Mike Tyson comes into the gym the first day and gives Carl Williams a bloody nose," he said. "The next day Carl came into the gym and taught Mike Tyson a lesson."

"As a result, Williams has avoided this fight by downplaying Carl Williams' capability over the last year-and-a-half," Leibowitz said. "The only reason he took the fight was because of the fact that he found himself in the position that he was forced to do so."

Williams said he would beat Tyson mentally, by using his strong jabs and uppercuts and by trying to keep him to the outside. Williams has a 14-inch reach over Tyson.

However, Williams' said weightlifting has been included in his training regime to build up strength for those times when the brawling Tyson sneaks inside.

"I didn't train to the respect that I'm going to be in there boxing and he's going to be on the outside all the time because that's not reality," Williams said. "Reality is there will be times when he'll break inside and I must grab him and hold him and push him back and go back to my initial plan."

"If he makes a mistake, he's all mine," he said.

Williams claims Tyson is easy to read in the ring because he is a puncher who has to set himself up to deliver a good shot.

"Whenever I see him set, I'll just walk away," he said. "Williams' trainer, Carmen Graziano, claims they have had to prepare for a robot."

"It's a simple method we've been working on," he said. "Nothing difficult. You can't get fancy with a robot. He (Tyson) fights like a robot."

"But he hasn't fought a Carl Williams yet. This will definitely be his best competitor. There's no question in my mind. He's got all the physical attributes. He's got the great mobility. He's got the thinking powers. He's got good punching power."

"He can knock you out," he said. "Take my word for it. If Tyson was on the deck, I would not be a bit surprised."

Previously the fighter touted to be Tyson's best competition was Michael Spinks. He lasted 21 seconds, albeit for a \$13.5-million purse.

"My game is to lift this title anyway I have to by any means necessary," said Williams. "This is very important to me."

Arias blasts Arraya to reach second round

BOSTON, July 12, (Reuters) — Fifteenth-seeded American Jimmy Arias rekindled memories of his teen-age days when he was ranked in the top-10 with a 6-4 6-1 first round victory over Pablo Arraya of Peru at the US Pro Tennis Championships yesterday.

The forecast for this \$415,000, clay

court event had called for more rain which washed out all but two matches on Monday, but the threatening skies never delivered and the tournament got back on schedule.

Top seed Andre Agassi and second seed Mats Wilander received byes along with the top eight seeds and were to play

their opening matches today.

Ninth-seeded Luiz Mattar of Brazil was surprised by little-known West German Karsten Braasch 6-2 7-6 and joined upset victims Bruno Oresar of Yugoslavia, seeded 12th, and 16th-seeded American Jimmy Brown on the sidelines.

Braasch, 217 in the world, overpowered the 43rd-ranked Mattar, who was content to stay at the baseline and slug out the points while his opponent played aggressive tennis.

Arias, ranked 87th in the world, played solid clay court tennis throughout the match but lost his concentration briefly

in the middle of the first set after taking a 4-1 lead.

Forcing errors and finishing the long baseline rallies with a big forehand, Arias took control of the match by breaking Arraya at 5-4 in the first set and reeled off seven of the last eight games.

Anger upsets Masur

Annacone defeats Canter



Annacone: outplayed Canter

NEWPORT, R.I., July 12, (Reuters) — Fifth seed and defending champion Wally Masur of Australia fell to American Matt Anger in the first round of the \$155,000 Hall of Fame Tennis Championships yesterday.

Masur, who sought out this event because it is the only grass court tournament in the United States, never got his serve and volley game on track and lost 6-2 7-6.

Top-seeded American Paul Annacone successfully completed his match which was halted by rain on Monday with him leading 7-5 1-0. He defeated compatriot Jonathan Canter 7-5 6-4.

All the other seeds in first round action advanced yesterday including second seed Johan Kriek, fourth-seeded fellow American Derek Rostagno, sixth seed Peter Lundgren of Sweden, seventh-seeded South African Pieter Aldrich and number eight Kelly Everden of New Zealand.

Masur's sluggish play and numerous missed volleys allowed Anger to cruise to a 4-1 lead in the first set from which the Australian never recovered. He was able to pull even with Anger and force a second set tiebreak, but the American's momentum carried him to a 7-4 tiebreak win.

"There's no excuses. I got off

to slow start and I was down 4-1 before I knew what happened," said Masur, whose world ranking of 68 is 100 spots higher than Anger's. Kriek overcame a tough challenge to beat Argentine Javier Frana 6-4 6-3 but was not satisfied with his performance. "I'm a perfectionist, but I can't have everything perfect," said

the 39th-ranked Kriek. "It drives me crazy. It drives my wife crazy. It even drives the dogs and the parrot nuts. But I can never quit."

Results

(Prefix number denotes seeding): 1-Paul Annacone (US) beat Jonathan Canter (USS) 7-5 6-4. 2-Johan Kriek (US) beat Javier Frana (Argentina) 6-4 6-3. 4-Derek Rostagno (US) beat Robert Van't Hof (US) 6-4 6-1. 6-Peter Lundgren (Sweden) beat Kent Kinnear (US) 7-6 (7-5) 6-4. 7-Pieter Aldrich (South Africa) beat Neil Broad (South Africa) 6-4 6-4. 8-Kelly Everden (New Zealand) beat Malville Washington (US) 4-6 6-4. 1-Matt Anger (US) beat 5-Wally Masur (Australia) 6-2 7-6 (7-4). Danie Visser (South Africa) beat Byron Talbot (South Africa) 6-2 6-3. Gary Muller (South Africa) beat Bryan Shelton (US) 6-2 7-5. Glenn Layendecker (US) beat Pat Galbraith (US) 6-4 6-3. Brian Garrow (US) beat Garnett (US) 2-6 6-3 6-4. Christian Sanceanu (West Germany) beat Vijay Amritraj (India) 6-7 (4-7) 6-3 6-4.

McEnroe to meet W. German in Cup

Agassi also selected



McEnroe: gets chance to avenge defeat

NEW YORK, July 12, (Reuters) — John McEnroe and Andre Agassi were named to the United States Davis Cup team, that will play West Germany's in a world group tie in Munich, the US Tennis Association announced yesterday.

The defending Davis Cup champions will be led by newly crowned Wimbledon singles champion Boris Becker in the tie to be held from July 21-23.

Robert Seguso and Ken Flach, who are 10-0 as a Davis Cup doubles team, were also selected by Captain Tom Gorman to represent the United States.

McEnroe, the all-time US Davis Cup leader with a record of 39-8, will be looking to avenge his loss to Becker in an epic five-set match in 1987. McEnroe was defeated a shot at Becker at Wimbledon last week when he was ousted by Stefan Edberg in the semifinals.

Agassi has had a disappointing year, failing to win even one singles title, but he remains undefeated in Davis Cup play with a record of 7-0 including four wins this year — two against Paraguay and two against France.

Carl-Uwe Steeb, Eric Jelen and Patrick Kuehnen will join Becker on the West German squad. The defending champions have chosen to play the tie on a fast indoor-carpeted court that favours Becker's strong serve-and-volley style.

Isler to mount Hawaii's challenge in Cup event

HONOLULU, July 12, (UPI) — Honolulu-born yachtsman Peter Isler and the Waikiki Yacht Club announced plans yesterday to mount Hawaii's first challenge for the America's Cup.

Isler, a veteran of the last two America's Cup campaigns, will represent the Honolulu club at the next Cup competition in New Zealand, Waikiki Yacht Club commodore Rick Jap said.

The agreement is contingent on a New York appeals court upholding a lower court decision that gave the Cup and the right to defend it to New Zealand's Mercury Bay Yacht Club.

That ruling would allow American syndicates to challenge for the Cup in a New

Zealand race in 1992. Otherwise, San Diego Yacht Club will host the defense of the Cup.

Hawaii Governor John Waihee called the agreement "great" and said it would be a boost for the state, which he wants to become a sailing centre. Waihee said a number of syndicates have expressed interest in training in island waters.

Isler, 34, was the navigator aboard the Stars and Stripes when Dennis Conner won the prized trophy back from the Australians in 1987 and again last September aboard the high tech catamaran skippered by Conner in his defence of the Cup against New Zealand's monohull.

Leonard to fight again

NEW YORK, July 12, (AP) — Sugar Ray Leonard will fight again. The question is, whom? "Everybody who has a Hearn fight signed and sealed for Nov 2 at Caesars Palace is way ahead of the game," Mike Trainer, Leonard's attorney, said by telephone yesterday from his office in Bethesda, Md.

Leonard and Thomas Hearn fought a dramatic 12-round draw June 12 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. It was a rematch of their great fight in which Leonard stopped Hearn in the 14th round Sept 16, 1981, at Caesars.

On a late-night television show recently, Leonard said he would give Hearn another fight, and promoter Bob Arum and Emanuel Steward, Hearn's manager-trainer, have been talking up a third match.

Trainer said he talked to Leonard last Wednesday

and was told "I would like to fight again."

Leonard mentioned Hearn, and when Trainer asked what about Roberto Duran, he was told to look into the possibility of a third fight between Leonard and the Panamanian.

"My marching orders are to talk to both of them (Hearn and Duran) and see what happens," Trainer said.

It is possible that the 33-year-old Leonard could fight both of them.

It also is possible that Duran could precede Hearn because at age 38, there is a risk to making him wait. Should Duran, who became the World Boxing Council middleweight champion by upsetting Iran Barkley Feb. 25, wait for Leonard to fight Hearn again, he probably would have to have a fight. A loss would run a lucrative third match with Leonard.

Most E. German athletes take drugs, says Knacke

BONN, July 12, (UPI) — A former East German swimming world record-holder, writing in a West German daily yesterday, admitted to massive use of steroids by East German athletes.

Christiane Knacke, who in 1977 became the first woman to break the one-minute barrier for the 100-metre butterfly, said, "Yes, I was doped. But not at my own will," in an article published in Die Welt.

"At first I didn't know exactly what I was taking," said Knacke, who now lives in Austria with her husband. "But after I saw how my muscles were growing, it dawned on me."

The East German government-run daily Neues Deutschland angrily rejected similar reports in the past few weeks and claimed the articles were meant to defame East Germany. It also accused the outspoken athletes of being "traitors."

The West German mass-circulation Bild paper earlier

quoted Hans-George Aschenbach — once East Germany's leading ski jumper — as saying virtually all East German athletes were forced by trainers to take steroids.

The four-time world champion and 1976 Olympic gold medalist named several of East Germany's best known athletes, including figure skater Katarina Witt, 1984, and 1988 Olympics gold medalist.

"I know that she had to dope herself," Aschenbach said. He also made similar references to swimmer Kristin Otto, seven-time world champion and winner of six Olympic medals at Seoul, and to javelin star Petra Felke.

In yesterday's article, Knacke claimed several other East German swimmers were also forced to take steroids regularly, and told of two, Barbara Krause and Andrea Pollack, who attributed childbearing problems to the drugs.

Yugoslavia and US win openers

BERLIN, July 12, (AP) — Olympic world champion Yugoslavia bounced Australia 15-7, and the United States edged Italy 8-7 on the opening day of the FINA World Cup water polo tournament in West Berlin yesterday.

In other opening-round matches in the tournament of the eight top-ranked water polo nations, Spain upset the Soviet Union 10-9 and Hungary beat West Germany 9-6.

Lever helps entrench Essex on top of county table

Marshall sets up Hampshire's victory

LONDON, July 12, (Reuters) — Left-arm seamer John Lever struck twice in his first over to send Glamorgan reeling towards defeat at Guildford yesterday and entrench Essex at the top of the English County Cricket Championship.

Set 323 to win from a minimum of 84 overs, Glamorgan never recovered from the early double blow of losing Alan Butcher and Mike Cann to the fourth and sixth balls of Lever's first over.

Geoff Holmes and Ian Smith managed some slight middle order resistance with 31 apiece but then medium pacer Don Topley ripped through the tail with four for 22 to send Glamorgan crashing to 134 all out.

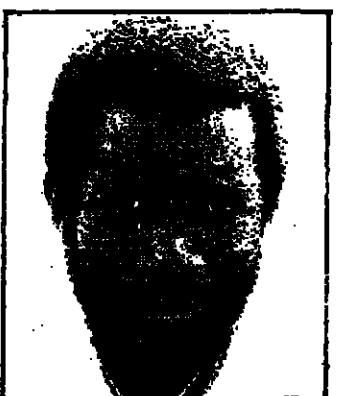
Essex batted on in the morning session with Brian Hardie reaching 101 not out, his second century of the season, before declaring their second innings at 213 for two.

Northamptonshire, in third place before their match with Hampshire, saw their title hopes take a further knock by losing at home for the third time in succession.

West Indian fast bowler Mal-



John Lever



M. Marshall



Brian Hardie



A. Sidebottom

colm Marshall set up Hampshire's win with a superb spell of five for 11 in 44 deliveries after Northants, 200 behind on first innings, had reached 202 for two.

Marshall finished with five for 36 as Northants crumbled to 253 all out and Hampshire knocked off the required runs for the loss of one wicket.

Former England seamer Arnie Sidebottom took five for 56 to help Yorks. snatch an eight-run win over Sussex in a contrived finish to their rain-marred match at Middlesbrough.

Sussex forfeited their first innings and Yorkshire their second, leaving the visitors needing 261 to win in 64 overs.

Sidebottom dismissed Neil Lenham and the Wells brothers, Alan and Colin, in the space of 13 balls without conceding a run as Sussex plunged to 48 for three.

Ian Gould (63) and captain Paul Parker (42) launched a spirited revival with a stand of 80 and with five overs remaining Sussex required 24 runs with three wickets left.

Results At Kidderminster: Worcester-

shire beat Leicestershire by 10 wickets. Leicestershire 180 in 67 overs and 80 (S. McEwan six for 34). Worcestershire 245 in 75.5 overs and 16 for no wicket. Worcestershire 22 points Leicestershire 5.

At Swansea: Essex beat Glamorgan by 188 runs. Essex 174 in 64.2 overs and 213 for two declared (B. Hardie 101 not out, M. Garnham 48 not out). Glamorgan 63 in 31.3 overs and 134 (D. Topley four for 22). Essex 21 points Glamorgan 4.

At Maidstone: Gloucestershire beat Kent by 47 runs.

Gloucestershire 251 for one declared in 96 overs and 207 for six declared (K. Curran 47, C. Walsh 47). Kent 209 for one declared in 72.1 overs and 202 (S. Marsh 90 not out, C. Cowdrey 43, M. Ball four for 53). Gloucestershire 19 points Kent 2.

At Guildford: Surrey v Somerset match drawn. Surrey 177 in 77 overs and 143 for six. Somerset 297 in 127.5 overs (V. Marks 49). Surrey 3 points Somerset 6.

At Northampton: Hampshire beat Northamptonshire by nine wickets. Northamptonshire 166 in 68.2 overs and 253 (W. Lark-

ins 97, R. Bailey 78, M. Marshall five for 36, P. Bakker four for 66). Hampshire 366 for six declared in 110.5 overs and 57 for one. Hampshire 24 points Northamptonshire 2.

At Middlesbrough: Yorkshire beat Sussex by eight runs. Yorkshire 260 for eight declared in 92.1 overs (P. Carrick 47 not out) and forfeited second innings. Sussex forfeited first innings and 252 in 62.3 overs (J. Gould 63, M. Speight 53, P. Parker 42, A. Sidebottom five for 56). Yorkshire 19 points Sussex 3.

At Lord's: Middlesex beat Derbyshire by 70 runs. Middlesex 223 in 69.1 overs and 215 for two declared (I. Hutchinson 106, D. Haynes 80). Derbyshire 177 for five declared in 85 overs and 191 (P. Bowler 62, P. Tufnell five for 78). Middlesex 20 points Derbyshire 5.

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire match drawn. Nottinghamshire 147 in 58.4 overs and 196 for six (C. Broad 63, D. Randall 56 not out). Warwickshire 292 in 82.2 overs (T. Lloyd 100, P. Smith 68, J. Afford four for 74). Nottinghamshire 4 points Warwickshire 7.

BASKETBALL

42 enter shooting tourney

THE Pizza Italia basketball "3-point area shooting contest" will start tomorrow at the Keifan gym at 8.30 am. A total of 42 players have so far entered the competition.

All players will be allowed a maximum of two minutes to complete their 25 shots at the basketball ring. The top five players who earn the highest score will move into the finals, which will be held during the all-star games.

The players who have entered the event are: Danbe Hilaya (Sony), Nikko de Guzman (Sony), Edison Abejero (Sony), Reyes (Sony), Boyot Macatanang (Dollaro), Rene Pasquin (Al Rashid), Jeng Pantulgo (Pizza Italia), Ruel Juntio (Pizza Italia), Ferdie de la Cruz (Pizza Italia), Ed Jose (Soft Rock), Steve Aticaza (Soft Rock), Freddie Quines (Soft Rock), Bhogs Boado (Soft Rock), M. Enriguez, F. Garcia, R. Catubao, E. Coppuz, Salumbides (Soft Rock), Ross Pelagio, Jojo, Dayao, J. Fernandez, R. Calicia, R. Apologisia (R.I.C.), Calderon, Romy Cruz (Hard Ligaya), Arnel Dingson, Al Barcelona, Arman Repollo and Nelson Garcia (EEI), Ariel Racho (Magnolia), Ruben Saldia (Pampanga), Alex Morales (Kay & Associates), Jan Santos (Pampanga), Rodel Perez (Nissan), Celso Tuadles (Woodgroup), Raffy Refez (Pizza Italia) and Romy Alojado (Pizza Italia).

All the above players have been asked by the organisers to be the Keifan basketball courts by 8.30 am tomorrow. All those absent when names are called will be disqualified from the event.

Schedule of other Kapilku events of the basketball tournament:

Saturday: July 15 Men's semifinal round 8:00 (1) vs (3) 9:30 (1) vs (3) 11:00 (1) vs (4) 12:30 (1) vs (4) 2:00 Replay of the match between Durrani Exchange & Greek House in Volleyball.

Ladies Basketball final round 3:00 (3) vs (4) 4:30 (1) vs (2) 6:00 (1) vs (4)

Friday July 21 8:00 (1) vs (4) 9:30 (1) vs (2) 11:00 (1) vs (2) 12:30 Final games in dart & chess tournaments

1:30 Pizza Italia all-star exhibition game

Ladies volleyball final round 2:30 (3) vs (4) 3:30 (1) vs (2) 4:30 (1) vs (3) 6:00 (1) vs (3)

Note: The Pizza Italia "3-pts area shooting finals" and the "Ladies One-On-One" competition shall be held during the half-time rest periods of the games on July 21, 1989.

Haas fires 67 for two-shot Classic win

MALVERN, Pennsylvania, July 12, (AP) — Jay Haas eagled the 514-yard eighth hole and shot a 5-under-par 67 yesterday to win the \$250,000 McNeil Classic by two strokes over Steve Pate.

Haas, who won \$35,000 for the 36-hole event at the 6,315-metre (6,907-yard), finished at 9-under-par 135.

He started the day four shots behind first-round leader Joey Sindelar. But Sindelar dropped out of contention when he knocked the ball put off bounds twice on the second hole on his way to a quadruple bogey nine.

Haas' play was highlighted by an 18-metre (40-foot) chip for his eagle on No. 8. The 35-year-old Greenville, South Carolina native knocked home consecutive 15-foot birdie putts on nos. 16 and 17.

Pate, who stayed in contention until Haas' last two birdies, shot 70 to finish seven-under 137, worth 22,000. Veteran Calvin Peete took third at 139, while Brian Tennyson, Hal Sutton, Billy Andrade and Sindelar, who recovered from his horrendous start to shoot 76, tied for fourth at 140.

Italian club

CESENA, Italy, July 12, (Reuters) — Italian First Division soccer club Cesena said today they had signed Yugoslav international Vladimir Djukic from Partizan Belgrade on a two-year contract.

The club said they had paid 1.2 billion lire (\$920,000) for the 27-year-old forward, who will play alongside fellow Yugoslav Davor Jozic and third foreigner Hans Holmqvist of Sweden next season.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Tour de France

BLAGNAC, France, July 12. (Reuters) Dutchman Mathias Hermans won the 154-km 11th stage of the Tour de France on Wednesday in a time of three hours 37 minutes 47 seconds. Giovanni Fidanza of Italy was second and Eddy Planckaert of Belgium third. Laurent Fignon of France retained the overall lead.

Pete Rose

NEW YORK, July 12. (AP) Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose's battle with baseball over allegations that he bet on games will likely alter the schedule of an autobiography due to be published next spring, according to today's editions of the New York Times.

Jarryd triumphs

YOKOHAMA, Japan, July 12. (AP) Anders Jarryd of Sweden needed a third-set tie-breaker to beat Dan Goldie of the United States 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-2) in a men's singles match on the opening day of the Gijima World Tennis Tournament today.

Steve Foster

LONDON, July 12. (Reuters) Former England soccer international Steve Foster was transferred today from First Division Luton Town to Second Division Oxford United.

Youth baseball

TOKYO, July 12. (AP) Organisers said Brazil, Canada, China, South Korea, Taiwan, the United States, Venezuela and Japan will compete in the first World Youth Baseball Championship from July 24-Aug. 3.

Boxer released

BERLIN, July 12. (AP) A judge today ordered the release of boxer Graciano Rocchigiani, 24, hours after the IBF super middleweight world champion was arrested for suspected while slavery, procuring and extortion, West Berlin police said.

Promoter held

MIAMI, July 12. (AP) Flamboyant Miami Beach boxing promoter Willy Martinez, who has acted as a government informant, has been ordered held without bond in a cocaine-smuggling case.

Svensson upset

GSTAAD, Switzerland, July 12. (Reuters) Swede Jonas Svensson was the first of four seeds to fall to unseeded opponents in the first round of the rain-hit \$305,000 Gstaad Grand Prix tennis tournament yesterday. The seventh seed crashed 6-1, 6-4 to top fan Gunnarsson in less than an hour.

Wanick wins

PITTSBURGH, July 12. (AP) Top women's seed Monica Waniek of Oklahoma State defeated Dana Kanel yesterday in the second round of the United States Tennis Association National Clay Court Amateur Tennis Championships.

Davis Cup

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, July 12. (UPI) Charlotte landed another sports plum yesterday with the announcement that the US Tennis Association will stage the prestigious Davis Cup international tennis championships in North Carolina's Queen City.

Brazilian team

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 12. (AP) Brazilian head coach Sebastiao Lazaroni yesterday shuffled the roster of the national soccer team, naming 22 players to the squad that competes in the finals of the America Cup tournament, the South American Championship.

Milan to meet Finns in Cup opener

Marseille to take on Brondby

GENEVA, July 12. (Reuters) AC Milan, who captured the European Cup in brilliant style in May, were drawn today to begin the defence of the continent's premier club soccer trophy against HJK Helsinki.

The Finns were ousted in the first round last season by 1987 European Cup champions FC Porto and must fear another early exit against the Italians, who overwhelmed Romania's Steaua Bucharest with a spectacular 4-0 victory in the final in Barcelona.

AC Milan will once again look forward to deploying the outstanding talents of Dutch trio Ruud Gullit, Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard when the opening round unfolds on September 13 and 27.

City rivals Internazionale, who like AC won the European Cup twice in the 1960s, enter the fray against Malmö, the Swedish club beaten in the 1979 final by England's Nottingham Forest.

Steaua, champions in 1986, should not be too extended by Iceland's Fram Reykjavik, while Real Madrid, six times winners of the trophy, should take Spora Luxembourg at a canter.

Real will be guided by new manager John Toshack in their quest for the trophy which eluded the Briton's Dutch predecessor Leo Beenhakker and which was last won by the

proud Spanish club in 1966.

Big-spending French champions Marseille, who have acquired England international Chris Waddle from Tottenham Hotspur for £4.25 million (\$6.8 million), meet Denmark's Brondby in the first round.

Twelve of the 32 European Cup entrants were seeded, having qualified for the distinction by reaching a semifinal of one of the three European club competitions during the last five seasons.

Barcelona, who foiled an Italian clean sweep of all three trophies last season, open the defence of the European Cup-Winners' Cup against Legia Warsaw of Poland.

Italy's Sampdoria, beaten by the Spaniards in the last final, have an apparently unexciting opening excursion against Brann of Norway.

In the UEFA Cup, holders Napoli face Sporting Lisbon, while beaten finalists VfB Stuttgart of West Germany take on Feyenoord Rotterdam, the Dutch team who won the European Cup in 1970.

Draw

UEFA Cup

Auxerre vs Dinamo Zagreb — First Round: VfB Stuttgart vs Feyenoord Rotterdam; Aberdeen vs Rapid Vienna; Dinamo Kiev vs MTK Budapest; Welling (Switzerland) vs Dundalk (Ireland); Twente Enschede (Netherlands) vs Club Brugge (Belgium); FC Cologne



Gullit (right) and Van Basten: two of Milan's Dutch trio (Reuters filephoto)

vs Plastika Nitra (Czechoslovakia); Sochaux vs Jeunesse Esch (Luxembourg); Karl-Marx-Stadt (East Germany) vs Boavista Porto; Goranik Zabrze (Poland) vs Juventus Turin; Hibernian (Scotland) vs Videoton (Hungary); Oerjyske Gosteborg vs Hamburg SV; FC Liege vs Akranes (Iceland); Zhalgiris Vilnius vs IFK Goteborg; Dundee United vs Vlen-

toran (Northern Ireland); Hansa Rostock vs Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia); Kuusysi Lahli (Finland) vs Paris St. Germain; Austria Vienna vs Ajax Amsterdam; Lillestrom (Norway) vs Wender Bremen; Rovaniemi Palloseura (Finland) vs GKS Katowice (Poland); Zenit Leningrad vs Naestved (Denmark); Apollonia Fieri (Albania) vs Galatasaray Istanbul vs Red Star

Zaragoza; Atalanta Bergamo vs Spartak Moscow; Olympiakos Athens vs Rad Belgrade; Vitosha Sofia vs Royal Antwerp; FC Porto vs Placera Morel (Romania); Fiorentina vs Atletico Madrid; Heraklis Saloniki vs Sion (Switzerland); Winner of Auxerre-Dinamo Zagreb vs Apollonia Fieri (Albania) vs Galatasaray Istanbul vs Red Star

Belgrade; Sporting Lisbon vs Napoli; Valencia vs Victoria Bucharest; Vajetta (Malta vs Vienna FC.

Champions Cup

CSKA Sofia vs Real Madrid; Steaua Bucharest vs Fram Reykjavik; Ruch Chorzow (Poland) vs Sredets Sofia; PSV Eindhoven vs FC Lucerne; Internazionale Milan vs Malmoe FF (Sweden); Glasgow Rangers vs Bayera Munich; Dynamo Dresden vs AEK Athens; Rosenborg (Norway) vs Mechelen; AC Milan vs HJK Helsinki; FC Tirol (Austria) vs Omonia Nicosia; Olympique Marseille vs Brondby (Denmark); Sparta Prague vs Fenerbahce Istanbul; Dnjepr Dnepropetrovsk vs Linfield (Northern Ireland); Slavia Waverider (Malta) vs Nantoni Tranas; Hovved Budapest vs Vojvodina Novi Sad (Yugoslavia).

Cup Winners Cup

Preliminary round: Chernomorez Bourgas (Bulgaria) vs Dinamo Tiras.

First Round: Panathinaikos Athens vs Swansea City (Wales); Ballymena United (Northern Ireland) vs RSC Anderlecht Brann Bergen vs Sampdoria Genoa; FC Barcelona vs Legia Warsaw; Besiktas Istanbul vs Borussia Dortmund; US Luxembourg vs Djurgardens Stockholm; Celtic Glasgow vs Partizan Belgrade; Dynamo Berlin (East Germany) vs Valur (Iceland); Slovan Bratislava vs Grasshoppers Zurich; Belenenses (Portugal) vs AS Monaco; Real Valladolid vs Hamrun Spartans (Malta); Dinamo Bucharest vs Winner of preliminary round; Groningen vs Ikast (Denmark); Ferencváros Budapest vs Valkeakosken (Finland); Admira Wacker (Austria) vs AEL Limassol; Torpedo Moscow vs Cork City (Ireland).

Gymnast makes dramatic recovery

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, July 12. (AP) It was a triumphant return to Kansas City for gymnast Chistry Henrich, who overcame a potentially devastating spine injury and shone at the US National Gymnastics Championships in Minnesota last week.

She got a grand welcome at Kansas City International Airport on Monday with banners, balloons and small American flags, all saluting the best finish of a Kansas City area gymnast at the national championships.

Second in the all-round. Second in the uneven bars. Third in the floor exercise.

"I was sort of expecting something like this," Henrich said sheepishly as she accepted congratulations from friends and teammates. "Knowing my mother, she would have something planned."

It was a triumphant return in more ways than one for Henrich, 16. Less than three months ago, she suffered a fractured vertebra in a missed dismount off the balance beam, an injury that could have left her legs paralyzed.

Paul and Sandy Henrich, Chistry's parents, got the call as they were getting ready to go to Ohio to watch her compete. Chistry had slipped while working on a double-back dismount on the balance beam. After hearing the words "broken neck," they blanched out on the rest of the conversation.

"I wanted to tell her that maybe this was a warning," Paul Henrich said. "Tell her not to continue. She is very good friends with Julissa Gomez, and there are a lot of parents who would have told her not to continue."

Gomez, then a teammate of Henrich's on the Great American Gymnastic Express, suffered a broken neck and a traumatic head injury in May 1988, during a competition in Japan. She has never regained consciousness.

Henrich says she was undaunted by her own bad fall.

"It wasn't going to stop me," said Henrich, who returned to the gym four days later wearing a cervical neck brace. "You are going to get hurt no matter what you do in life."

Although she did not resume training for more than a month, she continued to go into the gymnasium.

She showed grit against by campaigning hard to put the double back dismount back into her beam routine — a move that was vetoed by her coach, Al Fong.

"The injury factor is in my mind every day. I'm going to have that feeling for a while because you know it could always happen at any time," Paul Henrich said.

Henrich finished ninth at the US Olympic trials last summer — missing a trip to Seoul largely because of one vault in the compulsory.

From that experience came a steady resolve to make sure that in 1992, the Olympic Games won't pass her by.

"She came home from those trials and told everyone that 1992 was going to be her year," Paul Henrich said. "I even suggested to her that she might not want to say that right after the trials because she might change her mind. She said that wouldn't happen."

Football player pays for steroid use

PITTSBURGH, July 12. (AP) He was one of professional football's mightiest men, a 295-pound (117-kilogram) monster who could bench press twice his weight. Now, Steve Courson is thrilled to lift 15-pound dumbbells and climb a flight of stairs.

The former offensive lineman, now only 33 years old, suffers from cardiomyopathy, a mysterious disease that turns heart muscle into flab and eventually kills its victims unless they undergo a transplant.

Though his doctors can't blame Courson's condition on his long, heavy use of anabolic steroids, they can't rule it out. Neither can he.

Courson, formerly of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, is believed to be the first professional athlete on the waiting list for a heart transplant after years of taking illegally obtained anabolic steroids.

Experts fear more may follow.

"I wouldn't be surprised. I think it's going to happen," said transplant pioneer Dr. Thomas E. Starzl of the University of Pittsburgh. "It might be liver disease that comes out of those things, too."

"The potential health hazard and the impact on the national health care system ... it's very frightening," said Harvard University's Dr. Lyle Micheli, president of the American College of Sports Medicine.

For years, doctors have warned of the immediate side-effects of steroids: acne, sexual dysfunction, rashes and unusually aggressive behaviour known in the trade as "roid rage." Less is known about long-term effects,

although animal tests suggest the drugs accelerate cardiovascular disease.

Anabolic steroids are derivatives of the male sex hormone testosterone that stimulate development of bone, muscle and skin. Admitted users include Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, whose 1988 Olympics gold medal was withdrawn after he tested positive for the drugs.

Courson first took anabolic steroids in 1974 as a student at the University of South Carolina. In four weeks, he went from 230 pounds (104 kilograms) to a solid 260 (117 kilograms). He continued the habit after being drafted by the Steelers in 1977.

In March 1985, in the midst of an 1,800 milligramme-a-week regimen, his highest ever, doctors told him he had an irregular heartbeat. The problem cleared up in two weeks with medication, and Courson quit taking steroids for the next year.

At the end of the 1985 season, Courson lost his starting job. He took his last dose of anabolic steroids before the Buccaneers' training camp in 1986 in hopes of getting off the bench.

But Courson was waived at the start of the season, got no other offers, and retired. He lived in Wyoming and Florida, then returned to the Pittsburgh area in early 1988 to finish his autobiography and train as a professional wrestler.

On Nov. 23, 1988, Courson went to Allegheny General Hospital for what he thought was an ulcer. It turned out to be cardiomyopathy. "We don't know frankly what is the bottom

line," said Dr. Judith Orie, Courson's cardiologist. "But we do know anabolic steroids cause high blood pressure in patients. High blood pressure after a point in time causes the heart to fail."

Also, "steroids can alter the immune system. We don't know whether that has played a role and allowed a virus to affect his heart or not," Orie said.

Experimental heart medication has enabled the 6-foot-1-1/2 (1.86-metre) Courson to go from an all-time adult low of 225 pounds (113 kilograms) late last year to 255 pounds (115 kilograms). It has also allowed him to stay in shape by walking treadmills and lifting light weights three times a week.

Courson, who has been on the heart transplant waiting list since March 31, could wait a long time for a heart that would fit his large body. Doctors say he could live two years without a transplant.

While he waits and hopes a suitable heart will be found, Courson is wrapping up more than three years of work on an autobiography that includes a long chapter on the hazards of anabolic steroids.

He also is churning out letters and editorials and scheduling school speeches to let young athletes, coaches and everyone else know "what time it is."

"No one's talking about steroids and pain-killers and what it takes to play. I'd just like to prevent this from happening to someone else."

Maradona keen to quit Napoli for French team

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 12. (Reuters) Diego Maradona wants to leave Napoli for French champions Marseille, according to a Brazilian newspaper report published yesterday.

Maradona told O Globo that he wanted to move for family reasons. "I don't want to deprive my daughter Dalma of a happy life, like living in a big house with a huge garden where she can run and jump at will," O Globo quoted Maradona as saying.

"In Naples she will never have that," the Argentine captain added.

He said Napoli were not prepared to transfer him to Marseille despite a massive offer from the French club. Maradona's contract with Napoli expires in 1993.

But Maradona said he would do anything to persuade Napoli to release him, even moving his family back to Buenos Aires and visiting them once a month. He said he and his family lacked privacy and freedom in Naples.

"Also, French football is not as tiring as Italian. So I could train more calmly, pacing myself physically to take part in a third



Diego Maradona World Cup (Italy, 1990), when I am to leave the national team," Maradona added.

Woosnam hits 65 for lead

GLENEAGLES, Scotland, July 12. (Reuters) Ian Woosnam of Britain, runner-up in last month's US Open and a winner since then, sustained his run of superlative golf over the King's Course at Gleneagles today.

The stocky little Welshman, whose power belies his short (1.64 metres) stature, used finesse instead of muscle to return a six-under-par 65 in the first round of the Scottish Open, the last European event before next week's British Open at Royal Troon.

Woosnam mastered a tricky wind and took advantage of superb greens to hole five putts of more than 10 feet, one a monster 60-footer on the 14th for an eagle two. Two others were from 20 feet.

Woosnam, an early starter in the field of 159, led on completion of his round by two shots from Jose-Maria Olazabal of Spain, but tournament favourite Nick Faldo of Britain had not begun his round.

Woosnam, who retained his Irish Open title three weeks ago for his first win of the season, said he spent 90 minutes on the practice green last night and had gone back to advice given him by Greg Norman of Australia two years ago.

AL win second straight All-Star game

ANAHEIM, Calif., July 12. (Reuters) Bo Jackson and Wade Boggs erased a two-run deficit with back-to-back home runs to lead the American League to a 5-3 victory over the National League in the 60th annual Major League baseball All-Star game last night.

The American League power display came in the bottom of the first inning after the National League had taken a 2-0 lead. It set the tone for the rest of the game.

The American League took a 3-2 lead in the second inning and added two more runs in the third to make it 5-2.

The National League threatened with a two-out rally in the eighth with the tying runs on base, but could bring only one across to make the final score 5-2. With two outs Glenn Davis of the Houston Astros drew a walk. Singles by Kevin Mitchell of the San Francisco Giants and Von Hayes of the Philadelphia Phillies scored Davis. But the Montreal Expos Tim Lincecum lined out to end the threat.

The game at Anaheim Stadium, where ushers and ticket takers wore tuxedos, was watched by 64,036 fans including former President Ronald Reagan who helped announce the first inning on national television.

It was the American League's second straight victory, a feat it last accomplished in 1958 just before the National League began its three decade domination of the mid-summer classic. The National League leads the



An American League player tumbles over Kevin Mitchell as the latter tries to reach 2nd base.

series with 37-22-1. The National League, which had won 25 of the last 30 con-

for two runs in the first. Tony Gwynn of the San Diego Padres, who walked and went to second on a ground out, scored the first run when Mitchell singled to centre field. Mitchell scored the second on a single to centre by Howard Johnson of the New York Mets.

The lead was shortlived as the first two American League batters — Jackson of the Kansas City Royals and Boggs of the Boston Red Sox — belted towering home runs to the deepest part of the park in centre field off pitcher Rick Reuschel of the San Francisco Giants.

Jackson, named the game's Most Valuable Player, became only the ninth player to hit a home run on his first All-Star game at bat.

"A couple years ago everyone was doubting me saying 'Bo's crazy. He can't do both.' You can't judge people so quickly. You have to give them a chance," said Jackson referring to his other career as running back for the National Football League's Los Angeles Raiders.

In the second inning the American League took the lead for good as Ruben Sierra of the Texas Rangers led off with a single to right and later scored on a ground-out by Jackson.

In the third, run-scoring singles by Harold Baines of the Chicago White Sox and Sierra gave the American League its final two runs.

The National League offence was stymied by American League pitchers who yielded just three harmless singles from the

second through the seventh

innings. The win went to Nolan Ryan, who at 42 is the second oldest pitcher ever to appear in an All-Star game. He gave up one hit in two scoreless innings.

John Smoltz of the Atlanta Braves, who gave up the go-ahead run in the second, was the losing pitcher and Doug Jones of the Cleveland Indians recorded the final four outs for the save.

Reagan, a great sports fan who used to recreate Chicago Cubs games for a Des Moines, Iowa radio station before turning to acting in the 1930s, joined television network play-by-play Man in the Hat Vin Scully in the broadcast booth for the first time of the mid-summer classic.

"It's a great honour for me after broadcasting for several years in Iowa to now finally make it to the big time of a top network sportscasting job," Reagan joked.

"And it's reassuring that after only six months away from the job that I had — well I've been out of work for six months and maybe there's a future here," the 78-year-old former chief executive said.

Reagan said he felt "kind of like a kid" in the broadcast booth, "particularly since our host Gene Autry is 61."

Autry, a Hollywood veteran best known as the singing Cowboy, owns the California Angels who play their home games at the stadium here.

At the conclusion of the inning, Reagan admitted being a bit nervous.

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